



**Our mission:**  
**to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ**  
**who join boldly with the Spirit's**  
**work in the world.**

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Palm Sunday*

April 10, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory to God."*



### **We Enter with Palms**

*All who would like to process during the opening hymn  
are invited to meet in the Gathering Area  
where palms will be distributed.  
Those not participating in the procession  
are invited to wave palms where they are standing  
as we sing together.*

Introit

Greeting

Proclamation of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

\*Opening Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)**

\*Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

Time with the Children

*Children are invited to remain at the front of the sanctuary during the drama*

### **We Gather Around God's Word**

The Palm Sunday Story

A dramatic reading written by Jean Kilby

*Hawker of Goods—Betsy Hay; Donkey Salesman—Frank Gearing*

*City Woman—Hunter Davis; Mystery Man—Mike Guinn*

\*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.**

**He did what only God can do.**

**We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.**

**When he lived as a servant**

**and went humbly to his death**

**the greatness that belongs only to God**

**was manifest.**

**In both his majesty and lowliness**

**Jesus is the eternal Son of God,**

**God himself is with us.**

(A Declaration of Faith)

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Special Music

*Hosanna to the King*

*Hosanna to the King of kings, Hosanna to the Lord of lords,  
Hosanna to the great I AM who reigns forever more.*

*If you will feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty  
And welcome any stranger, then you can call him Lord.*

*Hosanna to the King of kings, Hosanna to the Lord of lords,  
Hosanna to the great I AM who reigns forever more.*

*O brother, if you keep silent, o sister, if you keep silent,  
O brother if you keep silent the rocks and stones will cry out.*

*Hosanna to the King of kings, Hosanna to the Lord of lords,  
Hosanna to the great I AM who reigns forever more.*

## We Look Toward the Passion

Prayer of Preparation

**Merciful God,**

**in your love for all humanity,  
you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus,  
to take upon him our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross,  
giving us the example of his great humility.**

**Turn our attention now,**

**toward this Holy Week ahead,  
even as we keep our eye  
on the day of resurrection. Amen.**

*The Tables are overturned (Luke 19:45-46)*

*The Anointing at Bethany (Matthew 26:6-13)*

*The Betrayal is Planned (Luke 22:1-6)*

*The Passover Meal is shared (Luke 22:14-23)*

*The Prayer in Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46)*

Song

*Stay with Me*

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*Stay with me; remain here with me;  
watch and pray.  
Watch and pray.  
(Repeat )*

## God Sends Us to the World

\*Charge (*responsively*)

Our palm branches and cloaks pave the way for Jesus to enter Jerusalem.

**It is time for us to celebrate the Feast of Passover.**

Will we follow Jesus to the upper room and share the bread and cup?

**Will we wait with him while he prays in the Garden?**

Will we defend him when he is arrested and tried?

**Will we watch as he is nailed to the cross?**


Will we carry him to the tomb and care for his body?

**Will we follow?**

\*Depart in silence

## Life at Massanutten

- **Next Sunday we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.** Gifts to this offering support the PC(USA) in its response to disasters throughout the world. You may make your gift online or by cash or check. Please note OGHS on your check or offering envelope.
- **Let's get together—and spread mulch!** Next Saturday, April 16th, join with others to finish up our 'sprucing up the church grounds' effort. Bring a wheelbarrow and/or garden rake along with your great spirit. Mulch remaining after we finish on Saturday may be purchased at cost for use at home. Help loading on trucks/trailers will be on hand that day.
- **Let's help our little ones read!** The MPC Preschool will be sponsoring a fundraiser featuring everyone's favorite sweet treat: Krispy Kreme doughnuts, to raise money to purchase new books for the school. Stop by the display table Sunday, April 17 and 24 and see how you can join in this effort by purchasing a gift certificate, card or some doughnuts to enjoy at home.
- **Looking beyond Easter! Massanutten Cares**—our day of service and outreach—will take place on Saturday, April 23rd in the morning/early afternoon. More details about specific opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks but please mark your calendars now!
- **Matinee at Massanutten—Sunday, April 24th 2:00—4:00 pm.** People of all ages will enjoy an afternoon at the movies featuring fresh popcorn and viewing Disney's *Encanto!* Bring a lawn chair or beach blanket and get ready for some good fellowship and fun!
- **The Great Community (April 20th; 6:30 am—8:00 pm),** an initiative of The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, is a sunrise to sunset giving day event that promotes charitable giving to support nonprofit organizations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Massanutten has a covenant relationship with two of the organizations participating this year: **Massanetta Springs** and **Faith in Action.** Check out the full list of nonprofits to see how your generosity and passion might join in support of these or other organizations: [greatcommunitygive.org](http://greatcommunitygive.org).
- **MPC's COVID masking policy has shifted.** Masks are now optional as long as the CDC reported COVID levels remain in the low (green) or medium (yellow) area. When the level moves to red, masks will be required inside the building. The Session and COVID Advisory group remind everyone that though masking is optional in certain conditions, our focus on caring for one another remains the foundation of how we gather. Please consider how your choice may affect others around you and respond with an eye toward kindness and welcome.



**Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity  
= Changing Lives**

**April 2022 Update**

On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,711. As of April 4, 2022, the balance was \$548,346. This represents a **\$522,756** decrease since January 1, of 2021 as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year, and gifts made toward campaign commitments. To God be the Glory!