

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*SONGS OF WORSHIP

"Hosanna, Praise is Rising"
"Good & Gracious King"

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, our Lord,

We shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks
and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths
that seek to praise you often deny or defy you. As we confess that the hands
that seek to serve you often become fists.

Lord hear us as we confess.

*A brief moment of silence followed by a moment of musical reflection.
During this time of reflection you are invited to bring up your red ribbon &
hang it on the cross.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him should be saved.**

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

Hosanna! Amen!

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#203 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

"Surveying the Scene"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

#809 "Doxology"

*Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are
transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology"
as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

#213 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"
vs. 7

POSTLUDE

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Participating In Worship

The Congregation

Serving the Lord in Worship

Leendert van Beek

Organist

Rosalyn De Koster, Elizabeth Kensak, Rebecca Koerselman,

Worship Team

Teresa Sampson,, Savannah Van Leeuwen, Jeff Tolsma, Tom Truesdell

Beau Koerselman

Children's Message

Nate Huyser

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Liturgist

Rev. Rosalyn De Koster, Director of Musical Arts & HS Formation

Leading in Worship



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Nursery

Located out the east doors of the sanctuary, nursery care is available **9:30–11:45 AM** for children birth through 4 years old.

Where? When?

Sunday School @ ARC

Children & Worship (PreK–1st Grade)
2nd & 3rd Grade
4th & 5th Grade
Middle School
High School

10:45-11:30 AM

Room 106
Room 105
Room 103
Room 107
Room 108

Sunday Night @ ARC

Leaps of Faith
**(6th-12th grade)*

4:40–5:45 PM

HSYG (9th–12th Grade)

6:30–8:00 PM

**(The first Sunday of the month, the HSYG meets at various ARC members' homes for small group dinners from 6:00-7:30 PM. If you have questions about where to meet for this, reach out to Rose at rosalyncoc@gmail.com.)*

Wednesday Night @ ARC

F3 (2nd-5th Grade)
MSYG (6th–8th Grade)

6:15–7:30 PM

7:30–8:30 PM

**(The first Wednesday of the month students and their families are invited to ARC for Family Meal Night. Dinner is served from 5:30–6:15 PM in the lower level fellowship hall. Following the meal, F3 and MSYG Buddy Night takes place from 6:15–7:30 PM.)*

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SPRING 2024 (MARCH 10–APRIL 28)

All classes will be taught in person at church from 10:45 to 11:30 AM on Sundays

TRUTHINESS: FACT, FICTION, OR FEELING

Facilitator: Sara Huyser Location: Room 202

THE BIBLE AND THE LAND

Facilitator: Ben Lappenga Location: Room 201

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 37—No F3 or MSYG Activities
Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 PM
Friday, March 29—No Good Friday service
Saturday, March 30—No Holy Saturday Service
Sunday, March 31—East Sunday Service at 9:30 AM
(No Sunday School, Adult Discipleship, HSYG or Leaps Practice on Easter Sunday)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Please join us for worship at 6:30 PM—Maundy Thursday—March 28. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and will hear the stories of Jesus' passion. All are welcome to participate in this service of meaningful reflection.

2024 EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER

Sponsor an Easter Lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. All proceeds will go to the High School Youth Group's summer retreat. Each lily is \$25 and orders are due by March 24th. If you are interested in purchasing a lily, contact the church office at office@americanchurchoc.com or 712-737-4430.

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Engage the story of Easter at home with this year's new materials. Find the materials for Storytelling with Shapes on the faith formation table outside the sanctuary next to the elevator starting Sunday March 17th.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Egg Hunt is back! This year 20 eggs are hidden in ARC members' yards. Drive or walk around to each sign to complete the Easter Egg Hunt! Use the map to help locate the eggs around town. Scan each QR code for your scavenger hunt task. Complete the task, and then search for the next egg. Maps can be found at church on the table next to the elevator or on our website. The Egg Hunt signs will be around from March 22 - April 8th Happy egg hunting!

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to you;
We turn to you;
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for you;
We long for you.

'Cause when we see you,
We find strength to face the day;
In your presence
All our fears are washed away,
Washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have your way among us;
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to you;
We turn to you;
In your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new,
You make us new;

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Brenton Brown, Paul Baloché
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Good And Gracious King

We approach the throne of glory;
Nothing in our hands we bring,
But the promise of acceptance
From a good and gracious King.

We will give to you our burdens
As you give to us your strength,
Come and fill us with your Spirit
As we sing to you this praise.

You deserve the greater glory.
Overcome, we lift our voice
To the King in need of nothing,
Empty handed we rejoice.

You deserve the greater glory.
Overcome with joy we sing.
By your love we are accepted.
You're a good and gracious King.

O what grace that you would see us
As your children, as your friends,
Safe, secure in you forever,
We pour out our praise again.

You deserve the greater glory.
Overcome, we lift our voice
To the King in need of nothing,
Empty handed we rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory.
Overcome with joy we sing.
By your love we are accepted.
You're a good and gracious King.

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,
Good and gracious,
Good and gracious.
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Good and gracious King.

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm-branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven, our King;
O may we ever praise him
With heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul.
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.

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When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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