

**Offertory**

\*Doxology No. 606

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.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Commissioning**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 197

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**April 13, 2025**  
**Sunday Order of Worship**

**We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship  
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**The marks of this life are:**

**Pray daily;**

**Worship weekly;**

**Enjoy spiritual friendships;**

**Read and study the Scriptures;**

**Engage in service in and beyond the church;**

**Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and**

**Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.**

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\* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

**Prayer of Preparation**

Hosanna, King, blessed are you, our King, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise You! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

**Welcoming and Announcements**

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

**\*Greeting One Another in Love**

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

**Prelude**

Victor Holton

**Call to Worship (Unison)**

**We praise You, O God, for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along His way. Let these branches be signs of His victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow Him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with Him, we may enter into Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing No. 610

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of Your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of Your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason You died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, You rose again. Draw us closer to You in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace**

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

**\*Hymn of Preparation** The Old Rugged Cross (insert)

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

**First Scripture Lesson** **Psalm 118:19-23** Pew Bible page 436

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Lesson** **Luke 19:29-44** Pew Bible pages 743-744

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *They Were Playing the Wrong Game* Rev. Jeff Davis

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Anthem**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** **The Apostles Creed**  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer** Whitney Duncan  
**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, for ever. Amen.**

**The Offering**