

Bethel United Methodist Church  
10 2022

Palm Sunday April

## PRAYERS

- ς Lil Leary
- ς Lori Catricola & Bill
- ς Joan Wegener
- ς Congregation of the East Berlin UMC which had a fire on Friday April 1. <https://www.facebook.com/EBUMCCT>
- ς We pray for Ukraine and all countries in the grip of war.
- ς Dagmar Geidel
- ς Donna (Leslie's friend)
- ς Loretta Eagan (Lil's s-i-l)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ς **Holy Thursday service: April 14 7:00 pm @ Woodrow**
- ς **Good Friday service: April 15 7:00 pm @ Bethel**
- ς **Easter Sunday service: April 10 11:30 am @ Bethel**
- ς **Prayer and Conversations Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm @ Bethel; Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm @ Woodrow.**
- ς **Contemplative Worship service** recording is added to our FB page Wednesdays around 7 pm.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bethelumcsiny>
- ς **Sundays in Lent @ 4 pm Devotional Study on Zoom**  
This evening will be the last meeting.  
You are invited to continue through the book on your own.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87516031052?pwd=RjkrVVNCR21LaUdFTDFraU5nRi9nZz09>  
Meeting ID: 875 1603 1052      Passcode: 969270  
Dial by your location      1 929 205 6099 US (New York)  
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- ς We are looking for people who were **married at Bethel!** Call us!
- ς **Mobile Pantry:** Tuesdays: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- ς **Offering:** mail/bring to church or give through PAYPAL.  
(<https://tinyurl.com/2p99xyw8>)
- ς St. Paul's is looking for volunteers to help with their **Food Pantry.**  
(718) 227-2485



## PRELUDE

*Bea Jay*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor: As Jesus approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden.*

*Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him,*

*'The Lord needs it.'*"

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

*Pastor: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.*

*As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.*

Reader #1: Open the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to God.

Reader #2: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

Readers #1 & 2: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Reader #3: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All Readers: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Reader #4: O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.

*Pastor: When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices*

*for all the miracles they had seen:*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Reader #5: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Pastor: *Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

OPENING HYMN "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*"

#278 UMH

Words: Jeanette Threlfall 1873 Music: Gesangbuch der H.W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784; adapt. and harm. by W.H. Monk, 1868 Public Domain

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely 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!**

OPENING PRAYER

*Nancy Townley*

**With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. AMEN.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
PASSING OF THE PEACE  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Marcia McFee*

**O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain. At times we are unwilling to answer your invitation; slow to take steps into the journey toward your Kin-dom. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to embrace the joy and the pain which comes of following you, of loving others, of accepting ourselves. Grant us the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers may be offered*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Marcia McFee*

Hear this good news! The procession is ever moving forward.

We can join at any moment. The invitation still stands!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen**

HYMN "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*"

Vs. 1, 2

#280 UMH

*Words: Theodulph of Orleans 8-9<sup>th</sup> Cent. trans. John Mason Neale 1851; Music: Melchior Teschner 1615 Harm.: W.H. Monk 1861*

**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.**

**All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT  
*19-29 CEB*

*Psalm 118:1-2,*

READING FROM THE GOSPEL  
*Luke 19:29-40*

*May these readings from the Psalms and Luke inspire us to live for love.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION “Holy, Holy, Holy”  
*Johnson Sohm*

*Rev. Bette*

RESPONSE HYMN “*What Wondrous Love is This*”  
#292 UMH

*Words & Music: USA folk hymn Harm.: Paul J. Christiansen 1955 ©1955, renewed 1963  
Augsburg Publ. Hse*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,**

**to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

THE OFFERTORY  
Osinachi Okoro

*"Waymaker"*

Leah  
Janvier, soloist

PALM SUNDAY DOXOLOGY  
#95 UMH

**Praise to our God, wave high the palm.  
Praise to Christ Jesus, God's own Son.  
Praise to the Spirit we now sing,  
for in our hearts hosannas ring.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GATHERING SONG *"Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)"*  
#2186 TFWS

Words: Alvin Schutmaat Music: Argentine folk melody

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

*Refrain:* **Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with  
all;**

**working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear  
Christ's call.**

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*Go now and follow Christ in obedience. Have the same mind as was in Christ Jesus; Keep your ears open to God's teaching; Be humble, even in the face of hostility and do not turn back.*

*And may God help you and keep you from disgrace; may Christ Jesus lead you through the gates of justice; and may the Holy Spirit keep you in God's steadfast love and fill your mouths with praise to the glory of God.*

**We go in peace, and the sure knowledge that love is the heart of the matter.**

POSTLUDE

*Bea Jay*

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