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The Sunday of the Palms and Passion

10:00 a.m.

We Come to Join the Hopeful Celebration

GATHERING IN THE LOBBY

COMING INTO JERUSALEM

*An asterisk * is an invitation to stand, as you are able*
Light print for the leader **and bold print for the congregation**

As they approach the city, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus gives two disciples a task,

“Go into the village ahead. There you’ll find a donkey tied up and a colt with it.

“Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone questions you, tell them, “The Lord needs them.””

This fulfills the prophet’s words, “Say to Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, riding on a donkey.”

The disciples do as instructed. Bringing the animals to Jesus, he takes his place and rides into the city.

A large crowd of people accompanying Jesus lay their coats on the road in front of him,

While others cut palm branches and lay them on the road as well.

Those surrounding and joining Jesus call out loudly,

“Hosanna to the son of David!

“Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name! Hosanna in the highest!”

When Jesus enters Jerusalem, the whole city is stirred up. “Who is this?” people ask.

“This is the prophet Jesus,” people in the crowd respond, “from Nazareth in Galilee.”

PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

The Band

Shout Hosanna!

Vicki Hancock Wright

Holy Spirits

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

That’s why we’re here! **To tell and hear Jesus stories!**

To be drawn into them, **And find them, find him,**

Coming to life in us! Yes! **So may it be! Hosanna to the son of David!**

Blessings on the one who comes in God’s name!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 278

***OPENING PRAYER**

Blessed One, who blesses us endlessly,

This day still strikes a hopeful, joyous note in us, at least initially.

Even though we know how the story goes, what happens before next Sunday’s uprising,

We still lean in today, thinking maybe this time it really will be different.
Maybe this time we will see the futility of coercive power,

The ugliness of violence, the terrible price it exacts from all of us,
And how such behavior is rooted in fear!

Maybe this time we will realize that trusting you is not simply a faithful choice,
But the way of life itself! The way Jesus leads. And even if the response to that way

Is often a cross, we still say, Hosanna! Blessed are those who come together as one in God's name!
Amen!

SHARING A GREETING AND WORD OF PEACE

Pastor Jeff Hansen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're glad you're here! If you're a first time guest, welcome! If you've been here before, welcome back! If this is your first time at Spirit of Hope or a return visit, would you provide us with some contact information using the attendance book as it comes by? We would like to get to know you. Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. Once again, welcome!

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

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A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

(Following children's time, kids will remain in worship and make palm crosses during worship. Nursery is available for children 3-years old and younger.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna We Sing!

Robert Sterling

To be Part of the Passion

With "Hosanna!" still echoing through the streets of Jerusalem, the final week of Jesus' life unfolds. The next day, coming into the temple, Jesus "demonstrates" against the collaboration of religious authority and brutal military power by tipping over the stands of the money-changers and claiming the temple to be a place of communion with God, not cutthroat business! His protest is not well received.

Returning to the scene of that demonstration, for the next several days Jesus engages in conversation, debate, argument over what God truly seeks for this place, this people, this world. Often his engagement is with the religious authorities themselves, and the exchanges become heated.

It is holiday time, with the city overflowing with visitors, tension is high. The Romans will not tolerate any sort of trouble. Jesus is pushing things and the people in power are about to push back.

Does he realize that? Is he daring his opponents to respond? What does he expect? What do others, including us, expect, hope for, truly want? What will it cost?

FIRST READING - At the Table and at Prayer

Matthew 26:14-46

p. 36

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

(vs. 1-3)

No 289

SECOND READING – Betrayed, Arrested, Questioned, Denied

Matthew 26:47-75

p. 37

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

(vs. 4-5)

No. 289

THIRD READING – Before the Governor, Condemned, Beaten, Crucified

Matthew 27:1-37

p. 38

HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

No. 286

FOURTH READING – Humiliated, Crying Out, Dying

Matthew 27:38-54

p. 40

HYMN

Were You There?

(vs. 1, 4 & 5)

No. 288

FIFTH READING – Witnesses, Burial, Final Precautions

Matthew 27:55-66

p. 40

SILENCE

To Respond Prayfully and Hopefully

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & SELVES

GIFT OF MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This!

arr. Kevin McChesney

Spirit A`Peal

***OFFERING OUR THANKS IN PRAYER**

Good God, you bring life out of death, hope out of despair, joy out of tragic loss. We know this to be true. We have experienced it ourselves. Yet waiting for such transformations and trusting that they will somehow come, that can be as hard as the painful events that give rise to them. We thank you for helping us to lean into the promise of new life to come, even when all seems lost, and to share that promise with others, through our living and our giving, in the name and spirit of Jesus, whose prayer we lift up together...

***OUR 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 this is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

And to Live that Response from Here On

***CLOSING HYMN**

To Mock Your Reign

No. 285

A BLEST SENDING

They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,

Your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all –

And lifts all into the life we now go to live ourselves, trusting the rising to come! God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere! **Amen!** God bless. Go in peace. **Amen.**

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

The cross has done its work. Death has come. Thus we remove those symbols of life and hope and promise, for now, trusting that God is not done.

GOING OUT QUIETLY

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP – Join us for warm Prayer Pretzels and coffee in the lower lobby.

All Parents, who have children in nursery, please pick up them up right after the closing of the service. Thank you!

Ask an usher if you would like **large print bulletins** or **Williams sound system** for persons with hearing loss.

Ministers: *Congregation*

Pastor: *Jeff Hansen*

Minister of Music: *Jerry Rubino*

Director of Youth Ministry: *David Hodd*

Director of Children & Family Ministry & Music: *Penny Meschke*

Office Administrator: *Janine Hall*

Office Manager/Finance: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Volunteers

Ushers: David* and Toni, Peters, Todd and Bonnie Cumming
*Head Usher

Greeters: Niel and Angie, Ella and Cole Willardson

Hospitality: Jan Friederichs

Liturgist: Allen Hanson

Altar Flowers: In honor of August and Beau’s 4th birthdays.
(James and Seanne Falconer)

Attendance Report for April 2, 2017	
8:30 a.m. First Service	10
10:00 a.m. Worship	114
Nursery	4
Faith Walk Sunday School	12
Total	140

Statement of Call: We are called by God to be a radically inclusive, caring community of faith – offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Statement: We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.

Spirit of Hope News

HOLY WEEK

- **The Sunday of the Palms and the Passion** – Today, we will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and we will travel with him through his final week. We'll have a special processional as we gather in the lower and upper lobbies. Prayer Pretzels will be served after this service in the lower lobby.
- **Easter Offering** –Easter offerings will go towards Children's Chance, Days for Girls, Dinner at Your Door, and Simpson Housing Services. Special offering envelopes are available in your bulletin today and also on **Easter**.
- **Holy Week** – we will have a **self-guided tour through "Interactive Prayer Stations"** in the sanctuary and are available all day during office hours and through 7 p.m. if we have enough volunteers. We need **volunteers to help greet April 10-14, from 4-7 p.m.** Sign-up sheet is on the easel, lower lobby!
- **Maundy Thursday** – **April 13**, we will have soup, bread and treats starting at **5:30p.m.** **We will wrap up our time of worship and discussion from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** This week's focus is: *The Gift of Misfits*. Come join us! Our discussions will come from the book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. Cost: \$13.
- **Good Friday Tennebrae Service** – on **April 14, at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary.
- **Easter Sunday April 16-** We will have an **8:30 service** in the chapel with communion, scripture, a message, prayer and cinnamon rolls after the service. At our **10:00 a.m. Easter worship service** in the Sanctuary, we will celebrate with joyous music, an Easter message, Communion, and cinnamon rolls after the service.
- **Come Sing the Hallelujah Chorus** as a finale to our Easter worship service at 10:00 a.m. We invite you to bring your own score or grab one from our library and join the choir at the end of the service.

- **Guests** – Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please join us after worship for a prayer pretzel, coffee and conversation!
- **First Service** – We gather at **8:30 a.m.** in the chapel (third floor, end of the hall), to share scripture, a message, prayer and communion. And we're usually done in 45 minutes or less (but, who's watching the clock?!) You are always welcome to come! **Make sure to pick up a prayer pretzel after this service.**
- **FORUM** [Adult Education Class] – There will be **no FORUM Easter Sunday, April 16.** We will resume on **Sunday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fireside Room.
- **Youth Choir** – will meet on **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.
- **Spirit Singers** – will meet on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall during Lent.
- **Women's Book Club** – **tonight, at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby. We will discuss the book, "*The Invisible Bridge*," by Julie Orringer.
- **Book Study** – is on **Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby. Everyone is welcome!
- **No Adult Bible Study** – this **Tuesday, April 11.** We will resume on **April 18, at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and bible study begins at **10:00 a.m.** in the upper lobby.
- **Spirit A`Peal** – No rehearsal on **Wednesday, April 12.** We will resume on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – You are all invited to join us for soup and worship for Maundy Thursday.
- **Creative Spirits/Prayer Shawl Ministry** – are gathering to continue knitting on their projects on **Saturday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m.** Come join us!
- **Loaves and Fishes** - Meets the third Thursdays of each month. Please consider volunteering at Brunswick United Methodist Church on **Thursday, April 20, at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** for setup and prep, or **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** for serving and clean up. Sign up is on the upper lobby bulletin board outside the sanctuary.
- **Serving at Simpson Shelter** –The sign-up sheet on the upper lobby bulletin board awaits your name. We'll be serving on **May 1, at 6:00 p.m.** Hope to see you there!
- **The Flea Market - Rummage Sale - Boutique is coming! May 18-20.** Donations are needed! Clothing, housewares, sporting goods, jewelry, etc. **Please NO electronics.** Thanks for seeing that all items are clean and in working order. Drop off dates will be announced.



- **Liturgists Needed** – If you would like to help lead worship on a Sunday in **May and June**, please sign-up on the bulletin board on the upper lobby, outside of the sanctuary. (Liturgists lead the call to worship, opening prayer and read the first scripture of the day.)
- **Events** – If you would like an event included on the website calendar, please go to the website and in the upper right-hand corner click on “submit news events” and follow the instructions as you go.

Our Community

- **PRISM** is our local food shelf. You can help by donating some of the following items for the month of April: **baby formula/food, beef stew, boxed potatoes, canned chicken/tuna, canned fruit, cereal, cooking oil, jam/jelly, and peanut butter**. You may also make a money donation. Write your check to Spirit of Hope UMC and be sure to clearly mark PRISM on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check. If you would like a **PRISM envelope**, see an usher or get one from the kiosk.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** – will be held on **Thursday, April 13 from 4:00-6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This week’s **guest speaker is Grace Wagnild**, who will speak on **Self Care & Exercise During Grief**. Also, help is needed to **set up at 3:30 p.m. and take down at 6:30 p.m.** of tables/chairs for the Grief Coalition on **Thursdays April-May**. If you are available to help, please let Jody Grande know at 763-546-6624.
- **Ball: A Musical Tribute to My Lost Testicle**. You want to see a charming, witty, moving and thoroughly enjoyable show? Come see our own Max Wojtanowicz’s with Jerry Rubino at piano as he presents his story on **Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m.** at Spirit of Hope! This performance contains adult subject matter and language.
- **Faith Communities and People with Mental Illness**. Join us to learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness, all within the context of a faith community. On **Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon**. Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Morning refreshments and coffee will be served. For questions and to reserve your space contact Jody Grande at 763-546-6624.