



**Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!**

We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.

Large print hymnals are available, as well as hearing assistive devices. Please speak to an usher.

Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.

It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.

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# HOSANNA

*in the highest!*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Matthew 21:9**

## Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

March 24, 2024      Palm Sunday      10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE      "Triumphal Entry"      Joel Raney  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)      from Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech You, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech You, give us success!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and He has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the alter.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

CHANCEL CHOIR      "The Palms"      Faure  
Amy Duran, piano

### The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN      "All Glory, Laud and Honor"      #300

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God, we open up Your Word, both fearing and hoping that You'll teach us something about who You made us to be. May the hope overcome the fear, and You reach out to us through the mysteries of paper, ink, and Spirit to continue to change us in Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE      Luke 19:28-40      p. 83 (NT)

SERMON      "Haven't Seen That Before"      Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### Our Response to God

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY      #815

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN      "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"      #297

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amy Duran, piano

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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We will adjourn to Founders' Hall where the Sunday School children will be presenting a Palm Sunday program and distributing palms; the Alleluia Choir will be singing; and refreshments will be served.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Wendy Gumberg; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, the Search Committee.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** God, as we enter this Holy Week, may the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem inspire us to welcome Christ into our hearts in a fresh, new way. As we journey through this Holy Week, may we ponder and be reminded of the profound love You have for us.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Sandy Bennington for her grandsons on their shared birthday and to the glory of God.

**FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in the pews for your convenience in donating to our Easter lily display.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stephanie and Paul Budinich on the birth of their baby boy on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>!



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Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
Thursday	6:30	Chancel Choir
	7:30	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
Friday		Good Friday Devotional Service
		On website

**Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter**

6:30 Easter Dawn Service at Pondsides Park  
 7:30 Breakfast in Founders' Hall  
 8:30 Bell Choir  
 9:00 Chancel Choir  
 10:00 Worship

**JOIN US** on Thursday this week for our Maundy Thursday Communion in candlelight service at 7:30 PM when we begin to think about Christ's upcoming death and resurrection. The following day, Good Friday, we will distribute a link to a service via email.

The Guild for Christian Service is holding a **LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT** through the month of March collecting items for the New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Westwood. We are collecting diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby shampoo and lotion, along with any other baby-care related items. Contributions can be left on the table in the Narthex. You can also order and donate direct through New Hope's Amazon wish list <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/IAAAPBPMVQO6>. We appreciate any donations. If anybody has questions, they can contact Jean Greenlaw, (201) 313-8442.

**IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!** Foundation scholarships are one-time awards given to high school seniors or graduates who are members of The Community Church (or children of an active member). These individuals must be accepted to or currently attending an accredited institution of post-high school education. Recipients of scholarship awards are expected to receive their awards in person at the annual Fathers' Day communion breakfast in June. This year that date is June 16 at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall. The completed application must be returned to the church office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available on the counter in the church office.

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