

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

**March 28, 2021**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

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**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The day is Yours, O God, and we rejoice that You have awakened us to share in it. As we hear again the phrases and stories so familiar to us, help us to identify ourselves in the words and the actions of people long ago. So touch us that our lives may reflect Your teaching, join Your parade, and bow down before Your glory.  
AMEN

**OPENING HYMN: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**1) 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.

**2) From Olivet they followed**

Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victory palm branch waving,  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and angels  
Rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

**3) "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.

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Do not hesitate to face your brokenness. Be bold to confess your fears. The cross is not a pleasant gathering place but a place where we can find strength. Christ's loving witness cannot be matched, but it will empower all who are open to its transforming power. Come to experience the grace of God.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we are not worthy to bend our knees before You. Too often, our actions have shouted, "Crucify!" Our fears have led to denial. Our self-interest has prompted false witness. We have compromised our integrity to avoid criticism. We have bowed down to false gods whose fleeting promises seemed momentarily attractive. We are so confused! We want to do what is right, but we do not want to suffer. We would like to get rid of the burden of our mistakes, but we find it difficult to change. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Hear our prayers of confession ...

## **A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ has witnessed our tears of remorse. Our sins are forgiven. Our past is wiped clean. With courage and confidence, take up the cross of Christ. Christ is with us to strengthen our shoulders and our voices, to deliver us from enemies and persecutors, to raise us up to new life. Trust God, whose help is ever available.

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 118:19–29, Mark 11:1–11

### **PSALM 118:19–29**

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; <sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> O LORD, save us! O LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD, we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give you thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever.

## **MARK 11:1-11**

### **The Triumphal Entry**

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,

<sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here."

<sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" tell him, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly." <sup>4</sup> They went, and found a colt outside in the street, tied to a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

<sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

**SERMON:** "Why Are You Here?"

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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, forever. AMEN

## **BENEDICTION**

This is a day God has made; let us continue to rejoice and be glad in it. God has opened to us the gates of righteousness, let us go through them with joy.

## **CLOSING HYMN:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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| <b>1)</b> All glory, laud, and honor<br>To Thee, Redeemer, King,<br>To whom the lips of children<br>Made sweet hosannas ring!<br>The people of the Hebrews<br>With palms before Thee went;<br>Our praise and prayer and anthems<br>Before Thee we present. | <b>2)</b> Thou art the King of Israel,<br>Thou David's royal Son,<br>Who in the Lord's name comest,<br>The King and blessed One!<br>To Thee before Thy passion,<br>They sang their hymns of praise;<br>To Thee now high exalted<br>Our melody we raise. |
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- 3)** Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring.  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring!

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## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 28, 2021**

**CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL!** We have joined with St. Jacob's Stone UCC to offer Sunday School via Zoom each Sunday at 1:00 PM. There will be a story lesson, a craft and song time every week. For more information, see Miss Dee at worship or have an adult privately message her via Facebook, message Pastor Sager or email the Church office ([office@stdavidsucc.com](mailto:office@stdavidsucc.com)). To join in on Sunday School, right click on the following link (or enter *Zoom.com* in your browser), Click "join a meeting" and then enter the Meeting ID and password as printed here: [ZOOM LINK TO JOIN CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL](#) Meeting ID: 717 212 9122 Password: 547270

**PEANUT BUTTER BALLS:** Payment and Pick-up is today, March 28 at Either of the Worship Services.

**BELL PRACTICE:** Mondays, 7:00 PM at the church.

**MEN's GROUP:** Monday, March 29 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676). You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We are studying the Minor Prophets. All sessions will be in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY:** Flowers to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter, April 4 and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection may now be ordered. *Orders are due by Sunday, March 28* (No late orders, please). The cost is \$11/each. Flower choices are White Lilies, Tulips and Hyacinths. There will be no color preference, because the greenhouses are unable to guarantee color selection due to the high volume of sales during Easter. We will ask for a variety of colors for Tulips and Hyacinths. The Lilies will be white. They will all be beautiful. Please use one (1) order form per flower order. Download form here: [EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM](#)  
Order forms, along with your payment, may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pam Hartman before or after worship.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 1 followed by Drive-thru Communion.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Friday, April 2.

**EASTER DAWN:** Sunday, April 4. Bring your breakfast of choice with you and worship as the sun comes up on a glorious Easter dawn. Worship service, 7:00 AM in the parking lot.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. We will not be rehearsing any anthems at this time, but instead will be singing and recording the hymn selections for upcoming worship services. Anyone who would like to help record the hymns is welcome at these rehearsals. Masks and social distancing, please.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail ([pastor@stdavidsucc.com](mailto:pastor@stdavidsucc.com) or

[pscott8283@comcast.net](mailto:pscott8283@comcast.net)) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** Indoor Worship, Sundays at 8:30 AM masks and social distancing. If you are not comfortable in larger gatherings, you may still attend the 8:30 AM Worship service and remain in your car and listen to the service on FM 95.9 on your car radio.

Parking Lot Worship, Sundays at 10:30 AM.

Uber Conference will continue, as well, for both services. Updated guidelines for returning to worship are in your March Newsletter. They are also available on the Home page of the Church website: [www.stdavidsucc.com](http://www.stdavidsucc.com)

**COMMUNITY AID UPDATE:** Donations are now being accepted in the parking lot bins of clothing and small household items. Please do not let items sit outside of the bins. Do not put any glass or breakable items, or large items in the bins. Please bring those items to the donation site on Baltimore St. Thank you. When donating at the store, remember to mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**HACC CLOTHING BANK:** The Clothing Bank has lots of clothing available. This is for the General Public as well as HACC clients. Anyone is welcome to receive two free bags of clothing. Call office for appointment at 717-633-6353.

**HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)**

**PAL DATE:** April 24

**CLOTHING BANK DATE:** April 17

**HACC ITEMS NEEDED:**

<b><u>PAL</u></b>	<b><u>Changing Lives Shelter</u></b>	<b><u>Clothing Bank</u></b>
Single-serve Fruits	Deodorant (Men & Women)	Family-Size Toiletries
Individual Size Chips, Pretzels, etc.	Exam Gloves (Med & Lg)	Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Laundry Detergent	Hand Sanitizer	Bath Towels
Instant White Rice	Bottled Water	Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts
Scallop Potatoes	Shampoo/Conditioner	Baby Diapers (Sizes 4 & 5)

**Ruth's Harvest**

Single-serve Entrees (Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snacks or Veggies)

**HANOVER NEW HOPE NEEDS: Pantry Helpers** needed to help stock shelves, assist guests as needed, help with curb-side delivery. Afternoons needed on all days Monday–Friday, 12:00 PM–4:30 PM.

**Parking Helpers**—willing to move around frequently and do not mind inclement weather. Help needed on Monday and Wednesday. If interested, please call Andrew at (717) 698-3365, press x509.

**Pantry Desk Help**—signing guests up for food appointments, answer phones, multi-task, schedule appointments.

**Administrative**—scheduling on the calendar, paperwork for guests, opening/closing the lobby, greeting guests, light filing, informing others about our resources and area referrals. If interested, please call the front desk at (717) 698-3365, press x501.

**Front Desk Receptionist**

Help needed with restocking the pantry and marketplace. Need 2 people per shift Monday–Friday.

Help with curbside service: 2–3 volunteers needed to prepare food orders for curbside guests and taking those orders out to guests and volunteers that could keep the marketplace stocked.

**STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a grant for \$1000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of ministry, mission or humanitarian service. Interested applicants must be residents of the greater Hanover area and should be a high school senior, college student or a seminary student. He or she may complete an application and submit a brief summary of their call into the field of service and list their future vocational goals. They should be an active member of a church, display good moral character and exhibit high scholastic ability. Applications forms are available from our church office or from the Hanover Area Council of Churches. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2021. For additional information please call the Council office at 717-633-6353.