

Sunday Celebration

Palm Sunday ~ April 13, 2025 ~ 10:00a

Lutheran Church of the Foothills ~ Tucson, Arizona



Today's service begins in the Memorial Garden where palm branches are distributed. The procession with palms brings us into Holy Week and the celebration of the mystery of our redemption.

Assembly speaks responses in dark print.

P: Presiding Minister leads

A: Assisting Minister leads

L: Lector/Proclaimer leads

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Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Foothills

We are grateful that you are joining us in worship today. Please note the following information so that your time with us is spiritually uplifting and comfortable.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is no age requirement. It is God's table, not ours, and all are invited. If you are spiritually hungry, come and be fed.

How to Commune: There will be two stations. At the ushers' invitation, come up the center aisle and hold your hands out to receive the host (gluten-free cracker). You may either dip the host in the split chalice or place the host in your mouth and pick up an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice to drink. After you drink the cup, place your empty cup in the lined container before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you choose to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher, and communion will be brought to you.

Offering: Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Church of the Foothills' mission and ministry. Offering baskets will be passed during the service. You may contribute by placing your offering in the basket (giving envelopes are in the pews), giving online at our website, or scanning the QR code found in this bulletin. **All loose cash** placed in the basket is automatically designated for our current month's Community Service emphasis. Undesignated cash and checks placed in the pew envelopes are directed toward the general fund.

Recordings: This service is being recorded and live-streamed.

Pray-Ground: We enjoy having our children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front, pulpit side of the sanctuary designated the Pray-Ground, where children can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn, and grow as part of our faith community. Caregivers are encouraged to sit where children can see them when they are using the Pray-Ground, in case they need assistance.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located down the east hallway between the Activities Room and the front entrance of the building. These restrooms are handicap accessible and each contains a changing table. There is a gender-neutral facility in the Learning Center, located at the end of the west hallway past the church offices.

Hearing Assistance: Please switch to a T-coil setting on your hearing aids to take advantage of the induction loop. The ushers can provide you with headphones to wear during the service if you desire.

Large Print Bulletins: If you desire a large print bulletin, please request one from the ushers. If you would like to read this bulletin on your electronic device, scan the QR code on display in the Narthex. The digital bulletin contains the hymns within the bulletin.

Weekly Footnotes: If you would like to subscribe to our weekly newsletter, visit the bottom of the homepage of our website: <https://www.foothillslutherantucson.org/>

Please gather in the Memorial Garden.

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Naomi Hartman

Acclamation *(repeated 1 or more times)*

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Gospel Luke 19:28-40

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

Please raise your palm branches.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly will be led by the Los Campaneros Handbell Choir out of the Memorial Garden and into the church. Once all are assembled, the congregation will remain standing as the organ leads all in singing the Gathering Hymn.

Gathering Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (verses 1-3)

(ELW 344)

Refrain

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a single eighth note B-flat, followed by a series of eighth notes: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. It begins with a whole note chord of B-flat2 and D3, followed by a series of eighth notes: C3, B2, A2, G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1. The lyrics 'All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,' are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes.

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to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Sovereign God,

You have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

L: A reading from Isaiah.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens,
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Gospel Acclamation (*Spoken by all.*)

(*ELW Setting 6, p. 171*)

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we
will trust your word.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

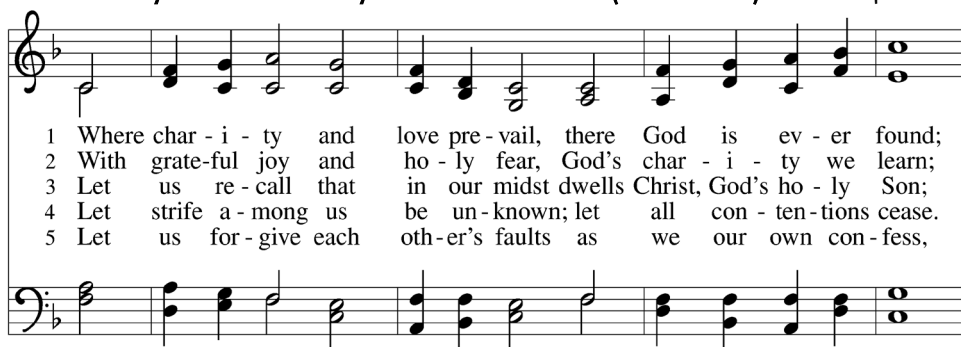
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Pastor Naomi Hartman

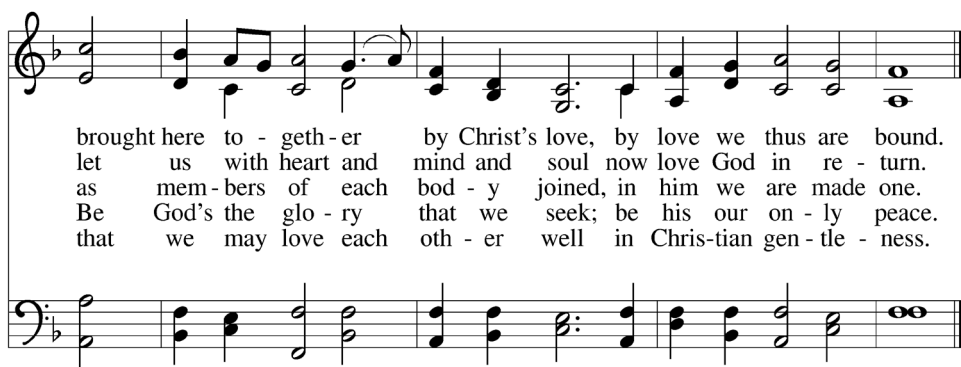
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Hymn of the Day “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (verses 1-3)

(ELW 359)



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

A: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

A: Give strength to those who will lead and assist with worship during Holy Week. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

A: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. We remember especially those we now name aloud or in our hearts.

(Pause.)

Prayer list: Trujillo family; Krista B.; Sheri; Terinia S., Susan H.; Gilbert; family of Charlie B.; Kellie, Elizabeth; Honey, Mello, Tobias; Susie & Lance; Donna C.; Marie R.; Tonya V.; Christopher W.; family of Cameron F., Zachary; Teresa, Barb, Debbie; Bill V; Julian; Donna, Mari; Jean; Robert; Bryce; Sue.

A: *We pray especially for the friends and family of Marsha Rianda who recently completed her baptismal journey.* God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

A: We join together in our Community Service prayer for this month:

Holy God, we give thanks for the sacred gift of water. We pray for our Native American siblings who have cared for this land and its waters since

time immemorial, especially those now living near the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. As we work with the Mission to bring clean water to those in need, help us honor the land, protect creation, and walk with gratitude. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

A: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to maintain a distance and verbally greet those in the pew around you.

Our Offering of Gifts

Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. You are invited to place offerings in the baskets as they are passed. You can also contribute online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YKPG/home> or by scanning the QR code.



At this time the ushers will bring the offering baskets forward to the Assisting Minister.

Musical Offering “Palm Sunday Festival”

arr. Michael Helman

Los Campaneros Handbell Choir

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy. Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness with all who hunger for bread, for safety, and for belonging. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of love. You birthed all creation and became human for us in Jesus Christ. You speak to us through Scripture and Spirit; your love is eternal. Meet us now in bread, wine, and water.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In this meal, we remember your Son Jesus, who took on our pain and suffering and transformed it into new life. Send your Spirit to meet us now. Compel your whole creation toward mercy, and fill us all with your everlasting and wide-reaching love.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

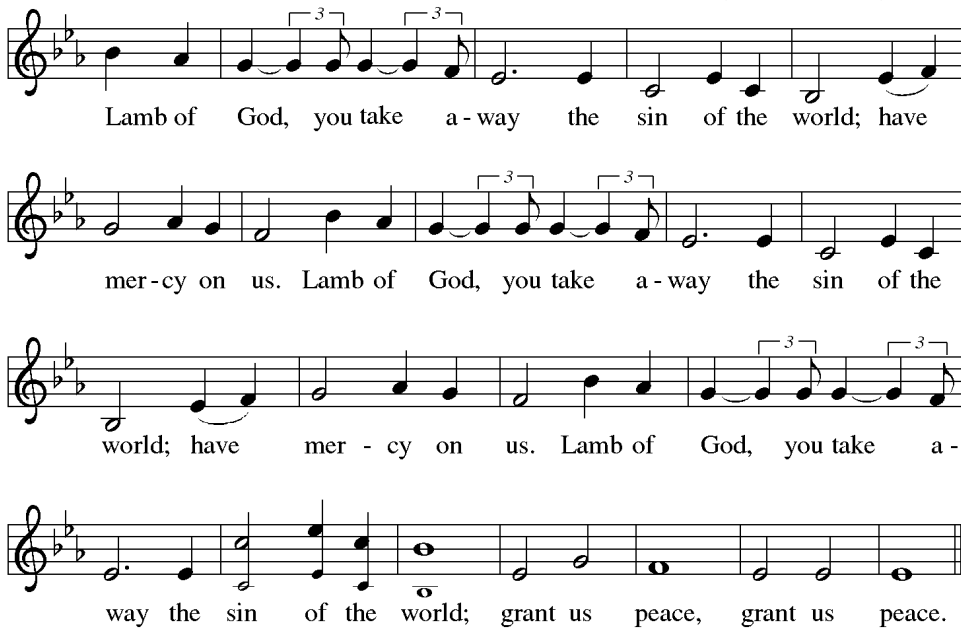
P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated.

We experience the presence of our Lord in gifts of bread and wine, and all are welcome to Christ's table. Worship musicians and volunteers will be served first; then the ushers will direct the assembly forward row by row.

Lamb of God

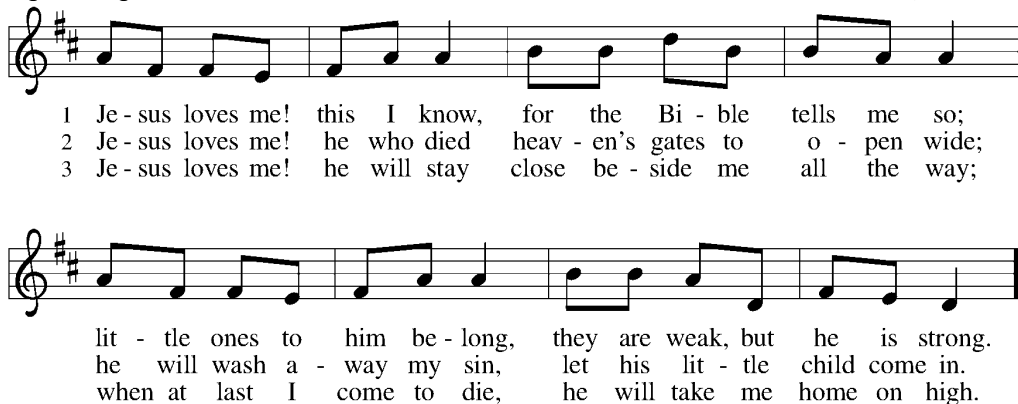
(ELW Setting 6, p. 174)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Song during Communion "Jesus Loves Me!"

(ELW 595)



1 Je-sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi-ble tells me so;
2 Je-sus loves me! he who died heav-en's gates to o-pen wide;
3 Je-sus loves me! he will stay close be-side me all the way;
lit-tle ones to him be-long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a-way my sin, let his lit-tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

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Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Song during Communion "I Received the Living God"

(ELW 477)

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I re - ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.
I re - ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Je-sus said: I am the bread, knead-ed long to give you life;
2 Je-sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je-sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je-sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

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you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Blessing after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray. **Amen.**

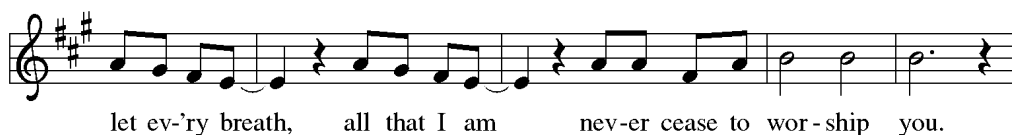
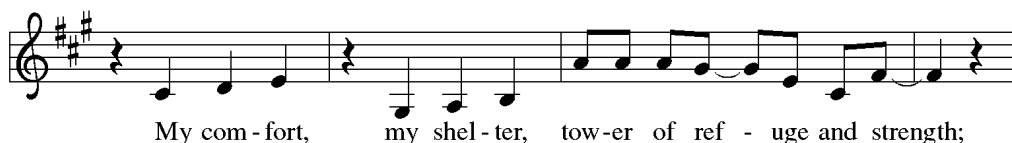
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Mission Moment

Tim Swanson

Sending Hymn "Shout to the Lord"

(ELW 821)



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Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Blessing

P: May the God who delights in your goodness bless you, keep you, and hold you in the depths of love and mercy. In the name of the Triune God ✠.

Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Know you are loved.

Thanks be to God. And we will!

Postlude "Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German

Chad Pittman, organist

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Lutheran Church of the Foothills with a testamentary gift in your will or trust.



We thank those who are serving for worship this morning:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Naomi Hartman • Assisting Minister: Kristen B. • Greeters: Jenkins & Northey families • Ushers: Colette B., Bethany B. • Proclaimer: Karen N. • Communion Servers: Madeline & Mark H., Beth & Bryan D., Gayle B. • Worship Prep: Ellie Mae N. • Hospitality: Janice M., Collete B. • Service Visuals: Marty L. • Audio/Visual Team: Mark O., Marty L. • Musicians: Ulrich M., Gerry A., Kathleen R., Andy B.

Special thanks: We thank Chad Pittman for accompanying us this morning. Chad is currently a DMA student in Choral Conducting at the University of Arizona and holds a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, a Master of Educational Administration from Cleveland State University, and a Bachelor of Music Education and Organ from Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music.

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Called and empowered to proclaim the radical love of Christ through lives of service.

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