

A decorative cross is formed by several blades of green grass. The cross is centered in the upper half of the image. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface. The grass blades are vibrant green and have a natural, slightly rough texture. The overall composition is simple and naturalistic.

Blessed

*is he that
cometh*

*in the
name*

*of the
Lord*

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Kathy McKenna

Ushers & Greeters
Lori & Kurt Schmidt,
Bonnie & Elijah Smith

Flowers
The Alvord Family,
in memory of David

Nursery Volunteer
Karen Dudgeon

Coffee Hour
Jaff & Nadyne Harris

Attendance
April 2: 80

Our giving 4/2/17:

Operations - \$3,387.04
Missions - \$1,958.46

Life in the Parish
Week of April 9

Sunday – April 9
10:30 am – Worship
Palm Sunday

11:30 am – CEM Meeting (after
worship)

Monday – April 10
7:00 am – Mondays at the
manse (last one!)
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

Tuesday – April 11
10:00 am – Avis Gysel's funeral
2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

Wednesday – April 12
7:00 am – Early communion
at the manse (last one!)
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – April 13
11:30 am – Bible Study Group
7:00 pm – Holy (Maundy)
Thursday Service

Friday – April 14
Office Closed
7 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae
at UMC

Sunday – April 16
No Sunday School today!
Sunrise – Sunrise Service on
the Green
10:30 am – Worship
Easter Sunday

Service of Worship
Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

In 332 BCE, Alexander the Great rode into Jerusalem on his famous war-horse, a black stallion.

During Jesus' time, just before Passover, Pilate would have ridden into Jerusalem with war-horse, chariot and weapons, to remind the Jewish pilgrims that Rome was in charge.

Jesus does not ride a stallion or a mare, a mule or a male donkey, and not even a female donkey. He rides the most unmilitary mount imaginable: a female nursing donkey with her little colt trotting along beside her.

~ John Dominic Crossan

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude All Glory, Laud, and Honor Manz
Chimes

Remembering the Story

One: ...The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

Many: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

One: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying,

Many: This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

*Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (see insert)

A Candid Prayer

With joy in our hearts, we welcome your servant, O God, only to reject him when he picks up a cross instead of a crown. We can be as stubborn and rebellious as the city that cheers your name. Save us, Redeeming God, save us! May we lay our doubts, our fears, our worries, our weariness at your feet, trusting and believing that you will forgive what is sinful, make whole our brokenness, and welcome us as siblings of the colt-riding King, as we sing...

Marking our Journey through Lent

Each Sunday during Lent, we will add some sand to the container, providing visual evidence of our 40-day passage.

**Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)**
-Kyle Wright and Jack Bertram on saxophone

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Moment

Anthem Lift High the Palms Martin
-Andrea Herzog on piano

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sermon How Long is Forever?

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn In This Very Room #295

Dedication of Candles

Remembering David Alvord's Light

Presentation of Candles

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Offertory Hail To Thee, My Jesus, Lowly Bach

*Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ our Lord whom God will raise.

And praise the Spirit, who imparts

God's gracious love into our hearts.

*Prayer of Dedication

We could triumphantly claim that you came just for us, Holy One, but your gifts are poured out for all the broken, all the wandering, all the struggling. So, may we be just like you, pouring out our lives and our treasures, so all might be blessed through you, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd (v. 1, 2, 4)
sung to the tune of O God, Our Help... #193

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude The Royal Banners Forward Go Held

NOTES AND NOTICES

Palms for today's service are from a fair-trade source, promoting environmental and social justice.

TODAY

Easter Flowers: Due Today!

Easter flowers will decorate the sanctuary during our 10:30 am service on Easter morning and will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Plants may be either picked up after the service or donated to home-bound church members. Order forms are on the bulletin insert and should be submitted today.

(during worship) **One Great Hour of Sharing**

OGHS works to provide clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro credit, emergency relief and advocacy/resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. It also supports disaster preparedness and response. We hope that you will prayerfully consider a generous contribution. For more information visit ucc.org/OGHS

Sun., April 30
at 8:30 am

Faith in Action! Sunday School is Leaving the Building!

Youth in grades K-12 will gather at church before we journey into the community to help to our neighbors. We will gather back at church at 11:30 for a simple meal and a time of

conversation about our experiences. If you would like to join our adventure, please see Rachel! We need projects! If you have lawn work or other simple projects around your home that need to be done, please see Rachel to sign up. We are asking for a donation of \$10 for each hour of work. Funds will go to support the Back to School PREP program.

Announcements:

- **Interested in joining HCC?** If you are not currently a member, why not begin to think and pray about this? If you are interested in officially joining our congregation, please let Pastor Vicki know. We will meet for a membership class (no tests!) and then we'll anticipate welcoming new members in June on Pentecost Sunday. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held for all ages Monday, **July 31st, to Friday, August 4th** from **5:30-7:30 pm.**

Welcome friends!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about our church, please let Pastor Vicki, the worship leader, or one of the greeters know. We hope you will choose to stay for refreshments and conversation following our service.

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag". After the Children's Time, small children may want to head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

We want you to know...

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Joseph Ford, Director of Music

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Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

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Sheila Shea, Office Administrator office@homercc.org

Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon

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Our digital calendar is at homercc.com/calendar

Service information

- Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.
- Prayer request sheets are at each entrance. Your prayers will be offered later in today's service.