

Lent — a slow, steady, difficult climb to Palm Sunday, followed by the jubilation of the crowds, then plummeting to the depths of Good Friday, before finally returning home at Easter, elated and changed by the ride.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
PALM SUNDAY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor
John Krimmel, Worship Assistant

April 17, 2011 9:15 a.m.

Organ Prelude		
Special Music	“See Now, Messiah Come” The Wesleyan Choir	Larson
*Opening Hymn	“Rejoice the Lord is King”	715
Welcome & Life of the Church (Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)		
Greeting One Another (Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)		

Call to Lenten Worship

Leader:	The arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem was a celebrated event!	
People:	People gathered and shouted and waved palm branches.	
Leader:	Jesus entered town riding a donkey.	
People:	He was hailed a hero, worshiped and adored.	
Leader:	This Jesus gave up His seat in heaven to become one of us.	
People:	He emptied Himself of His status as God and took the humble form of a man.	
Leader:	Jesus was obedient to the will of His Father, even though it led Him to a cross.	
People:	He willingly offered His life so we might be reconciled to God.	
Leader:	Because of Jesus’ sacrifice, God lifted Him high and honored Him far above anyone or anything.	
People:	Every knee will bow in worship to this obedient Son.	
Leader:	Every tongue will shout His praises and tell of His greatness.	
People:	That is how God will be honored and glorified.	

Opening Prayer [unison]

<i>Merciful Savior, it is our privilege and delight to be in Your presence and to bring our praises and worship to You. You are our teacher and our friend; our rock and our hope; our strength and our light. We celebrate Your arrival in Jerusalem; we anticipate the agony that is before You; we await Your victory over death. Grant that we might walk this journey alongside You as faithful disciples, rather than as participants of the fickle crowd. Amen.</i>		
*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be To the Father”	70
Special Music	“Gethsemane”	LUMC Adult Bell Choir
<i>**Children (K-5 Gr.) are dismissed for Junior Church.</i>		
The Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	(p. 621 in the pew Bible)
The Message	<i>“The GREATEST!”</i>	Pastor Lutz
✠Prayers of the People		✠The Lord’s Prayer
Sacrament of Baptism	Celebrated for <i>Cassidy Nicole Jones</i>	39
Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Anthem	“Hosanna, Hosanna” The Genesis Choir	Martin
*Offertory Response	“Doxology”	95
*Offertory Prayer [unison]	<i>O God of glory and majesty: We have stood with the crowds to sing Your praises, and then we've been lured to other devotions. Yet You have with passion and compassion embraced us once again as Your children. We pray that these gifts that we bring and the gifts of our hearts on this special day may be worthy in Your sight. We pray with humble hope that we might be Your steadfast disciples in our homes, our church, our community, our nation, and our world. Amen.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”	278
*Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostles’ Creed”	881
*Benediction		
Postlude		

*If able, please stand to worship God

***We welcome YOU** to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.*

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Baptized this morning at the 9:15 service is ***Cassidy Nicole Jones***, born December 21, 2010, daughter of John & Joan Jones; Godparents are Wendi Wiley & Rich Hindle.

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Mother and Father, George & Carolyn Lloyd, by Jolene Lloyd; and also In Loving Memory of Parents, Joyce & Lester Cornwell, by Nancy Mignogna and Family.

Sanctuary Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Denise Dintinger, by Marilyn Deibler; and also In Honor of Nicole & Antonio Panno's Wedding on Saturday, April 16th, by Parents, Joanne & Steve Liebert and Mom-Mom Cynthia Schick.

Morning Greeters this morning are Tim Eick and Vic & Ruth Campo.

Ushers this morning are The Rowlands and Stockburger Families.

Acolyte this morning is Isabelle Letham.

Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week. Please call Gloria Askey, 215-741-4479, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

Children's Activities... The following activities are available during the 9:15 worship service. Infant up to nursery school age: Nursery care is available during the service in the Nursery in the main hallway, next to the Ladies Room; and Junior Church in Sunday School Room # 3 for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

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Traditional

9:15 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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