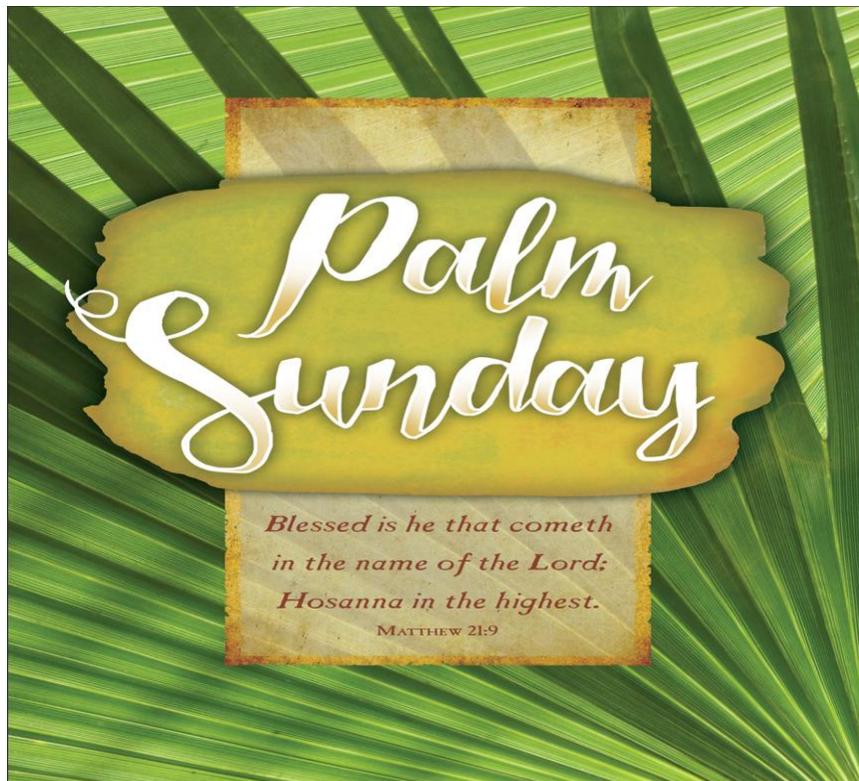


Bulletin information
for
April 5th, Palm Sunday, Communion Sunday
Sermon Series on “I am” Statements

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Wauconda, Illinois
A community church affiliated with the
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.

The Missions Statement: “Sharing God’s Love through Jesus Christ.”



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Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

Leader: This week has been very different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate
some of us have faced grief and pain and need to cry.

We are members of God's family.

We all can't be here physically and yet we come to worship in Spirit;

all of us seeking God's presence in our lives

all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

Together we become God's family in this Holy Week.

Let us come together and worship the Lord.

*Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 278

* Opening Prayer

Blessed God, you march into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey and we cheer with the frantic crowd. But do we know the real reason you are here? Are we prepared to accept the truth of the coming cross? Help us to understand the reason for your triumphant entry. Give us wisdom this day, as we worship your holiness, to comprehend the grace that is being spoken through your Word. Amen.

Children's Message – Louise Bundy

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Prayer Hymn: "Into My Heart" No. 2160 (vs. 1)

Let Us Give Our Offering to the Lord

Offering Prayer

Leader: Name above all names,
as you emptied yourself for others,
we offer ourselves and these gifts
as a sign of our hope in your reign.

Where there is death, bring life.

Where there is sorrow, bring joy.

Where there is injustice, bring courage for change.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

*Gospel Readings: **Matthew 21:1-11 Palm Sunday Scripture**

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. 2 He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. 4 Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, 5 Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring." [a] 6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them. 8 Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! [b]Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. 11 The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. 2 He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. 3 You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. 6 If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and, in this way, prove that you are my disciples.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Jesus is the True Vine" ("I am" Statement) Pastor Soon Sun

Holy Communion (*Everyone is welcome to receive communion*)

Today's communion will be received **at home**. Communion is open to

all who confess their sins and seek Jesus Christ as their Lord. Please take the communion wafer and the cup out of the Holy Week Package and put on the table before you to receive them.

Holy Communion Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin humbly before God and one another, and prepare to receive this holy Sacrament.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have in fear rather than our faith in You, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

Pastor: Lift up your heart and give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, you made us in your image, to love and to be loved. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

One the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us on with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with confidence of children of God, let us pray. **(Lord's Prayer)**
Our Father who are 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.
Amen.

Pastor: The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** (now you eat wafer or bread)
The Blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** (now you drink the cup)

The Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No. 277

*Benediction

* Postlude