

Lent is often a time of self-reflection, spiritual discipline, commitment, and community. Christians gather to sing the minor harmonies of the way of Jesus on his journey toward the cross. This Lent however, we are traveling through the Book of Acts in worship, to see the ways the Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us.

Because the Spirit is alive in, with, and under our ordinary lives, always calling us forward into transformation, nudging us into wholeness, and beckoning us into a new way.



v i c t o r y  
**ALTERED**

**March 24th, 2025**  
**Palm Sunday**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS BELL PROCESSIONAL

### \*OPENING SENTENCES:

*(Can we try something different here for the triumphal entry?)*

### \*GATHERING HYMN

#196

All Glory Laud & Honor

### KYRIE

#215

What Wondrous Love

*(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song mirroring the words people cried out to Jesus with for healing in the Gospels. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy. Christ Have Mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as a prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

**V.1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

### CONFESSION of Need (Responsive)

In Jerusalem,  
Simeon and Anna prophesied over Jesus, the infant.  
Mary accepted their words into her heart,  
and Jesus grew in strength and spirit.

**O Emmanuel, the long-expected king, hasten to us. We need you here.**

In Jerusalem,  
the temple scholars were astonished by Jesus, the boy.  
He accepted their teachings into his mind  
and grew in knowledge and wisdom.

**O Child of Joseph and Mary, the unexpected teacher, hasten to us. We need you here.**

Outside Jerusalem,  
the jubilant crowd cheered for Jesus, the man.

They accepted him as he rode on a donkey,  
but the fears of the powerful grew.

**O Lamb of God, gentle and meek, hasten to us. We need you here.**

The words of the crowd echoed on the city walls:  
“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Save us, Emmanuel!  
**We need you here.**

Save us, Child of Joseph and Mary!  
**We need you here.**

Save us, Lamb of God!  
**We need you here.**

**V.2    When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
          When I was sinking down, O my soul!  
          When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
          Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
          Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

*SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.*

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

Hear this, beloved children of God:  
God rejoices when you turn and return.  
Search, that you may find.  
Find, that you may be found.  
Loosen your grip, that you may be more tightly held,  
more warmly comforted, and more tenderly nourished.  
Your stony heart will soften like the river's frozen mouth.  
Your stiff neck will relax as you accept God's love,  
allowing you to see more of the world around you.  
God forgives your sins and remembers them no more.  
**Hallelujah & Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN**  
**(V.3)**

**#215**

**What Wondrous Love**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
**Eyes**

**Bell Duet W/ Sandy Perkins & Matt Gilmore**

**Open My**

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING .....Luke**  
**19:28-40**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

**\*SERMON.....Rev. Michael**  
**Ozaki**

**SILENCE FOR CONTEMPLATION**

**\*CONTEMPLATION HYMN:**  
**(v.1, 2)**

**#197**

**Hosanna Laud Hosanna**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**  
**(v.3)**

**#197**

**Hosanna Laud Hosanna**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## **A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!**

*Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:*

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**Sunday- March 24<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

**10:45 am                      Worship**

**11:45 am                      Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters.....Dan & Vicki Svedarsky**

**Organist..... George French**

**Music Director.....Sandy Perkins**

**Reader..... Lynne Mullins**

**Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Bell Rehearsal  
Worship

**Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm- Book Study “Pause”

6:00pm- Maundy Thursday Worship @ TLC.

**Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm- Good Friday

**Next Sunday- March 31<sup>st</sup> , 2024**

**10:45 am**

**Worship**

**11:45 am**

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters.....Jeri Melsa & Lynne Mullins**

**Organist..... Hannah Kruger**

**Music Director.....Sandy Perkins**

**Reader..... Sandy Perkins**

## **Special Announcements!**

Easter Lillies Sponsorship

Holy Week Services

Congregational Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> after worship

