



PALM SUNDAY ~ April 13, 2025



WELCOME



PRELUDE

At Calvary with Down at the Cross

D. Towner, arr. C. Berry



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. Please share in the words in bold.

Honor.

Honor and praise.

Honor, praise, and glory.

Honor, praise, and glory are yours Almighty God, now and forever.

In celebration, we join the crowds of old,

waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

We know the pain of what lies ahead.

Today anticipates the rest of the story—

a story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.



+HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor

UMH 280 (v. 1, 3, 5)



+SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



OPENING PRAYER

UMH 281

Let us pray in one voice.



HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalms 118:19-29, Pew Bible p. 565



+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11 NRSVUE

Please stand in body, stand in spirit for the reading of the Gospel. Listen to your body.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two

disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

**“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.”**

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

[Waving palms] **“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

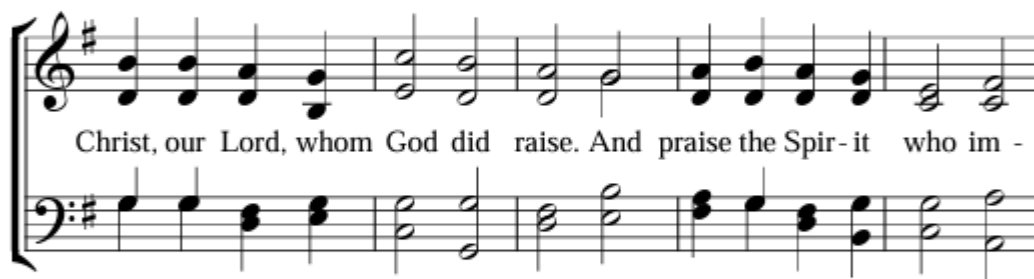
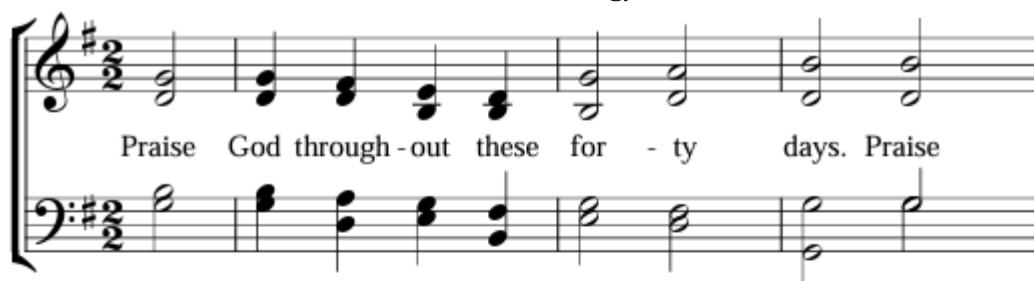
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



+DOXOLOGY

A Lenten Doxology

Tune: OLD 100th



TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



HYMN OF PREPARATION

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

UMH 277



SERMON and INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



MUSICAL WITNESS

Hosanna Processional

Donald Moore



INVITATION to the PRACTICE of GIVING

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: wesleynaperville.org/giving

The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem—singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day.

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



+CLOSING HYMN



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

J. Pachelbel

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her
(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

All are invited to a time of fellowship
in the Atrium following the postlude.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Thurs. 4/17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship at First Congregational UCC @
7:30pm

Fri. 4/18 GOOD FRIDAY

Ecumenical Service at Community UMC
(20 Center Street) at 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 4/20 EASTER SUNDAY

Worship @ 10am
with Communion

Sunday School @ 10 am

Hosanna

TFWS 2109

WESLEY UMC + COMMUNITY UMC
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th | 1:30-3:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, games, storytelling, and an Easter egg hunt! We will have opportunities for kids of all ages

Egg Hunt →

2:30 PM
Easter Egg Hunt Begins

Central Park
(104 E. Benton Ave.
Naperville, IL 60540)

Rain Location
Wesley UMC + Community UMC

Please let Alexander or Deacon Sharon know if you are hoping to attend so we can hide enough eggs!

For questions: alexander@wesleynaperville.org OR sharon.rice@onecumc.net



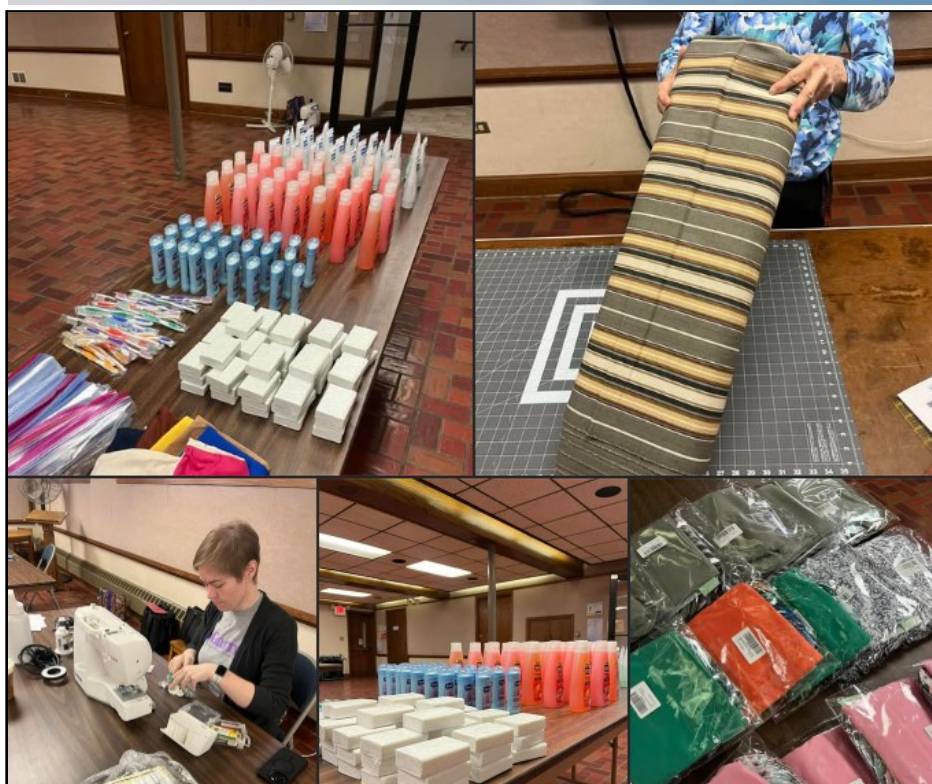
We have some EXCITING news to share! The Staff Parish Relations Committee is happy to join you in welcoming our new Director of Wesley Kids Day Out, **Christine Singer!**



Christine comes to us with over 20 years of education experience. She has worked as a paraprofessional, teacher aid, pre-k teacher, mentor, and director. She is also a Certified Nursing Assistant. All of her references gave glowing recommendations of her compassion, care, kindness, collaboration, and willingness to meet challenges with an open mind, creativity, and efficiency.

Wesley Kids Day Out was established in 1973 as a Christian outreach to parents and children of our community. Our mission is to offer children a constructive, fun environment, as well as an opportunity to socialize with children their own age while developing skills to aid them in preschool and kindergarten.

During the school year, our program runs Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, following the District 203 calendar. When we have a summer program, it runs Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Summer and Fall Registration is now open!**



On Sunday, March 30th our Worship Through Mission Opportunity was making items for and assembling Feminine Hygiene Kits and Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. There is still some sewing left to do to finish the final touches of these kits that will help 50 young persons.

On 5th Sundays we Worship Through Mission by doing some hands on act of service that helps children and youth. We also have a special collection for United Voices for Children. If you have an idea for a Worship Through Mission opportunity, please reach out to Alexander or Pastor Megan.

OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd—4th Sundays). On 5th Sundays we worship through hands on mission at 10am. Talk to Alexander for more info.

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Flexible part-time daycare ministry during the school year Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm, June & July Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am to 1pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Ken for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com. If you have a love for children ages 6 months to 5 years and are interested in working with them part-time, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would love to hear from you. We are presently considering applications for Substitute Teachers. Please visit wesleynaperville.org/kdo for more info.

GIVING TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund invests donations to provide for outreach programs and to supplement the church budget. You can donate directly, dedicate a leaf on our Wesley Family Tree or put Wesley in your will. I am happy to help answer your questions. Please contact Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or email barbaraburke123@att.net for more information.

MUSIC

Choir rehearses on most Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All voices are welcome. Instrumentalists are also welcome to share their gifts. Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You are welcome to bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted. Please rinse ahead of time.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us after Worship in the Atrium for a cup of coffee or tea, and a little nibble. If you would like to bring a treat or help with set-up, contact our church office at 630-355-1834 or info@wesleynaperville.org

HELPING ONE ANOTHER

The bins on the Lower Level (B) are available for donations and use of whomever may have need of these items that comes to our door: Deodorant—MOST NEEDED, Menstrual Hygiene Products, Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred), Soap, Socks, Toothbrushes—MOST NEEDED, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths (New or Gently Used but WASHED and ready for use)

LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

The needs in our community outpace supply. You are welcome to drop off items to the donation baskets.

Sundays

Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot

10:00 AM (Hybrid):

2nd - 4th Sundays:

After Worship In Person

Worship in-person or online wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary—Level 1)

Sunday School immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

Fellowship in the Atrium (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

5:00 PM

Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues (Across the Street @ Community UMC).
A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.



IN PERSON HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

Emily Miller, *Administrative Assistant*

Sundays: 9am—1pm

M- 8am--3pm

T, TH: Closed

W, F: 8:30 am—3:30 pm

Deborah Griffiths, ext. 110

Building Events Manager

events@wesleynaperville.org

Available by appointment

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Christine Singer, *Director*

Sherice Horton, *Assistant Director*

M, W, F 9am—2pm

(630) 355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102

Lead Pastor

Tuesdays are sabbath

pastor@wesleynaperville.org

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

Minister of Family & Justice

W, TH 9am—2pm

alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Rev. Duane Mevis, *Pastor Emeritus*

Nicole Melody, *Director of Music*

Svetlana Mars, *Accompanist*

Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*

This Week at Wesley...

13	APR, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Palm Sunday Worship
		● 10 – 11am	Time For Young Disciples & Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Worship 21 E Franklin Ave
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour
		● 5 – 6:30pm	Center Street Table (Dinner + Discussion) @ Community UMC 20 Center St
		● 6:45 – 7:45pm	Foxhall AA
14	APR, MON	● 9am – 2pm	Kids Day Out
		● 7 – 10pm	Troop 100
15	APR, TUE	● All day	Tax Day
16	APR, WED	● 9am – 2pm	Kids Day Out
		● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Highland Guard Atrium and Fellowship hall
17	APR, THU	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship at First Congregational UCC 25 E Benton Ave
18	APR, FRI	● 9am – 2pm	Kids Day Out
		● 7 – 8pm	Good Friday Worship at Community UMC 20 Center St
19	APR, SAT	● 1:30 – 3:30pm	Easter Egg Hunt 104 E Benton Ave
20	APR, SUN	● All day	Easter Sunday
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***God, as known to us
in Christ Jesus
welcomes ALL people.
So do we.***
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