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## Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023

### THE GATHERING

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Prelude	David Diebold
Welcome & Call to Worship	Dr. Mark Bender

Palm Processional & Opening Hymn	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	No. 192
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***All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater son;  
you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!***

***The company of angels are praising you on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.***

***To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.  
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.***

Opening Prayer	Claire Baer
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### THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Message	Claire Baer
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Scripture Reading	Luke 19:28-40; 23:26-31	Brooke Reid
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Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer	Brooke Reid
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**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Anthem *Draw Nigh to Jerusalem – Williams* Chancel Choir  
Teresa Archambo, director

Sermon *Two Processions* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This – vs. 1, 2 & 3* No. 200

***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!***

***When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; 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!***

***To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Kathleen Lauck

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Alan Freeman & Rick Appling

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

**I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

## THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Brooke Reid

Offertory

*Father, Forgive Us – Courtney*

Chancel Choir

Doxology

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer

## THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus – vs. 1 & 3*

No. 197

***Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,***

*from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

David Diebold

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**Memorials and Honors**

In memory of Jeanie Belcher given by Discovery Class.

In memory of Jeff Ratliff (husband of Genie Ratliff) given by Pat Thacker.

In memory of Peggy Fitts given by Pat Thacker.

**Sermon Notes**

1. Speaking Hebrew

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2. The Sunday with two names

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3. Eyes wide open

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4. Carrying the cross

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5. Second chances

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
9:30 am	Pastor's Class	Room 402
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Pastor's Class Resumes	Room 402
NO	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
NO	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, April 3		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-Th)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-Th)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
2:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
5:30 pm	ComTech Ministry Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 4		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
1:00-4:00 pm	40 Days of Outreach: Help at WF Area Food Bank	1230 Midwestern Pkwy
6:00 pm	Off-Site Easter Egg Hunt	115 E Wichita St
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, April 5		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Lenten Bible Study	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	At the Table: Soup Supper & Communion	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Lenten Electives:	
	<i>Walk with Jesus</i> Bible Study with Sheri Sutton	Room 310
	<i>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth</i> with Mark Bender	Fellowship Hall
	<i>Understanding Prayer</i> with Brooke Reid	Room 305
	<i>Letters from Jerusalem</i> (for our young friends) with Claire Baer	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday		
6:30 pm	<i>An Upper Room Service</i> – Maundy Thursday Service	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins	Chapel
Friday, April 7 Good Friday		
	Children Come First & Young Ages Preschool Closed	
12:00-6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	24-Hour Prayer Vigil Ends	Chapel
Saturday, April 8		

# YOU ARE INVITED

During Holy Week and Easter, Christians remember and reenact the events that led up to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ with us during Holy Week as we join together in hands-on service, song, prayer, remembrance, and celebration.

Learn more at [fccholyweek.com](http://fccholyweek.com).

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, April 4

1:00 pm Serve at the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank\*

6:00 pm Help host the Easter Egg Hunt at the Wichita Falls Housing Authority (115 E Wichita St.) [volunteers arrive at 5:15 pm]

\*RSVP by calling the church office (940.692.2282)

## Wednesday, April 5

5:30 pm Simple Soup Supper

6:00 pm Wednesdays at the Table Lenten Electives

## Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:30pm "An Upper Room Service" - Maundy Thursday Service

8:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins

## Good Friday, April 7

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

## Easter Sunday, April 9

8:40 am Chapel Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service

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# We Are Witnesses

Acts 10:39

**SUNDAY  
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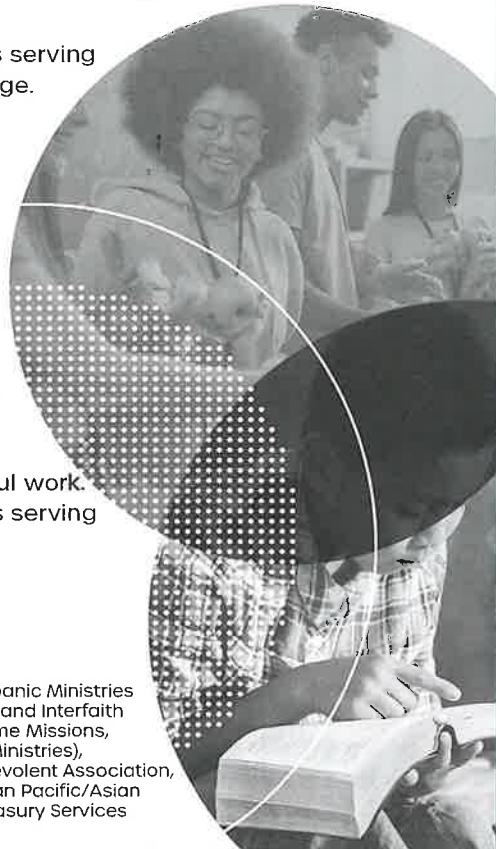
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**Sunday April 2 and 9, 2023**

On Easter, we rejoice in the good news that God's love is more powerful even than death itself. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples witness to that good news. General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) witness to God's love through:

- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by climate change.
- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshiping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- And so much more...



**The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana), Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, Treasury Services

We are witnesses to the power of God's love, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Please give generously in your congregation on April 2 and 9, or make a gift at [disciplesmissionfund.org/give](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give).