



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

9:30 A.M.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

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## Joys and Concerns

Rev. Sharla Hulsey

*To respect everyone's privacy, joys and concerns will be shared before the public livestream. If you'd like to add someone to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request form and place it in the offering tray as it is passed.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Diana Rich, Elder

*If you're joining us for Sunday worship on Facebook Live, let us know you're tuning in by leaving a comment on the livestream video.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

## Prelude

Mary Coffman

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

## \*Call to Worship

Lyssa Lile, Diana Rich, & Congregation

Lyssa: When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany,  
at the place called the Mount of Olives...  
...the whole multitude of the disciples  
began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice  
for all the deeds of power they had seen, saying,

**P: Blessed is the king who comes in the Name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

Lyssa: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,  
"Teacher, order your disciples to stop."  
He answered,

**P: "I tell you, if these were silent,  
the stones would shout out."**

## \*Opening Hymn

CH #192 (all)

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

## \*Invocation

Diana Rich & Congregation

We enter our worship this day, O Lord Jesus Christ, to give you praise, glory and honor. Ruler triumphant, Lord above all lords, and Savior of all creation: bless our gathering and give us the same mind as was in you, when you emptied yourself of all claims to greatness and took on our enslavement, so that we might be set free. Give us a right and joyful heart as we proclaim and sing of the hope we have in you. Amen.

## Special Music

Adult Choir

*"The King of Glory"*

## Prayer Hymn

CH #190 (all)

*"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"*

## Silent Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Responsive Reading

Diana Rich & Congregation

Isaiah 53:1-6

L: Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

**P: For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;**

L: he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

**P: He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.**

*\*Please rise as able*

L: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.		<u>*Invitation Hymn</u> <i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>	CH #195 (all)
P: <b>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.</b>		<u>Musical Interlude</u>	Mary Coffman
L: All we like sheep have gone astray;		<u>Offering Meditation</u>	Diana Rich
P: <b>we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.</b>		<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings</u> <i>Offering trays will be passed through the pews.</i>	Diaconate
<u>Hymn</u> <i>"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"</i>	CH #191 (all)	<u>*Doxology</u> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.	CH #47
<u>Lenten Reading</u> <i>"Peter - with a Sword"</i> from <i>"Thy Kingdom Come"</i> by Tracy Wells	Shawn Quick	<u>*Prayer of Dedication</u>	Diana Rich
<u>Scripture</u> <i>Luke 19:41-48</i>	Lyssa Lile	<u>Call to Communion</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Special Music</u> <i>"When Jesus Wept"</i>	Adult Choir	<u>Communion Hymn</u> <i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	CH #425 (all)
<u>Scripture</u> <i>Luke 20:9-19</i>	Lyssa Lile	<u>Words of Institution</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Message</u> <i>"Weeping Savior"</i>	Sharla Hulsey	<u>Communion Prayer</u>	Diana Rich
<u>Invitation to Discipleship</u>	Sharla Hulsey	<u>Distribution of the Elements</u> <i>Everyone is welcome at Christ's Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.</i>	Diaconate

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WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

Sharla Hulsey

\*Closing Hymn

*“God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

CH #439 (v. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUTREACH MISSION - Our Outreach Department is collecting hygiene products to support individuals and families in need. Your generosity makes a big impact in helping others. We are looking for donations of shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, bar soap/body wash, disposable razors, and feminine hygiene products.
- KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN  
Campaign Goal: \$20,000; Amount Raised: \$10,136
- COMMUNITY CAFÉ - Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30pm
- CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday, April 15 at 7pm
- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm at FCC
- FAITH ADVENTURES CAMP RALLY - Sunday, April 27 from 3 pm to 6pm at Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs.
- BOARD MEETING - Sunday, April 27 after worship
- VBS MEETING - Monday, April 28 at 6 pm

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THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Apr. 13:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Apr. 15:	5:30 p.m.	Community Café
	7 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday, Apr. 16:	6 pm	Youth Group
Thursday, Apr. 17:	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, Apr. 18:	9 am—12 pm	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Apr. 20:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Apr. 23:	6 pm	Youth Group
	7 pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Apr. 25:	9 am—12 pm	Son Shine Ladies

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SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Greeter:** Lile family

**Elder:** Diana Rich

**Scripture Reader:** Lyssa Lile

**Deacons:** Derek Lile,

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

Peggy Thomas

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman





# Wonder: The Inside Story

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them."  
- Luke 24:1-12 (Full Story)



# Wonder: The Inside Story

Supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Received in most congregations  
**Sunday, April 13 & 20, 2025**  
or two alternative Sundays in your congregation

Luke 24:1-12

At the break of dawn, the women came to the tomb, expecting to find the body of Jesus. Instead, they were met with an empty grave and messengers who proclaimed, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6).

## Astonishment. Awe. *Wonder.*

Inside the tomb, the story changes. Inside the sacred witness of the community gathered to prepare the body of Christ, disciples are moved to wonder. The resurrection fills us with the same wonder that gripped the first witnesses of the empty tomb. It is the wonder of love stronger than death, of hope that defies despair, of a risen Christ whose presence transforms the world.

On Easter, we gather as one body, across many places, cultures, and languages, to celebrate and live inside this wonder together. Through the Easter Special Offering, we respond to the miracle of resurrection by sharing Christ's boundless love in tangible ways. Your gifts support ministries that proclaim that Jesus is alive and active, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth:

- Health and social service ministries that offer care to those in need.
- Mental health resources to support pastors and congregations.
- New worshiping communities gathering in diverse languages and styles.
- Leadership development programs raising up new voices for the church and world.
- Chaplains in hospitals and the military providing spiritual care across the globe.
- Stewardship education to nurture a spirit of generosity.
- Global mission partnerships supporting communities facing conflict and climate challenges.
- Gatherings like the General Assembly, where the church comes together in faith and purpose.
- And so much more...

Just as the disciples ran in wonder to see the empty tomb, we too are called to run toward the work of resurrection—bringing healing, hope, and new life into the world. This Easter, let us respond to the wonder of the risen Christ by investing in ministries that make Christ's love known.

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

Center for Faith and Giving, Obra Hispana, Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Disciples 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, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on Sunday, April 13 and 20 or two alternative Sundays in your congregation using the giving envelopes or online at [disciplesmissionfund.org/give](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give).