



United Methodist Church of Antioch

April 2, 2023

*~Please note, the worship service is recorded and
streamed to the internet.*

PRELUDE

I Will Enter His Gates

WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

THRESHOLD MOMENT

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 [adapted]

Owen: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: Let all God's children say,
"God's love is forever."

All: "God's love is forever!"

Owen: Open up the gates!

that we may enter through them and give thanks
to the LORD.

Liturgist: This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

Let all God's children say,

“Open up the gates!”

All: “Open up the gates!”

Owen: I thank you that you have answered me, O God,
and have become my salvation.

Nicole/Elisa: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

Liturgist: This is the Lord's doing;

Let all God's children say,

“It is a marvelous thing!”

All: “It is a marvelous thing!”

Owen: This is the day that the LORD has made;

Liturgist: Let the children of God say,

“Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

All: “Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

Owen: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

Liturgist: Let God's children say,

“Save us, hosanna!”

All: “Save us, hosanna!”

Owen: Blessed are they who come in the name of the LORD.

Nicole/Elisa: God has given us light.

So, let the festival procession of branches go up to the
altar!

Liturgist: Let the children of God say,

Give thanks to God!

All: Give thanks to God!

Liturgist: For God is good!

All: For God is good!

Liturgist: God's love endures forever!

All: God's love endures forever!

Liturgist: Here comes LOVE!

All: Here comes LOVE!

HYMN/PALM PROCESSION #2235b

We Are Marching in the Light of God

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Matthew 21:1-11

[A recap of the scene]: When [Jesus and the disciples] 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, saying, "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, “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.”

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am service)

UMCA Choir

In the Name of the Lord

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Look for the Unexpected

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

As we prepare to come to the table of Jesus just as he called his disciples to his table in the days after that triumphant procession, let us join together in a prayer of confession.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

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... We have confessed that we often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the spectacular and mighty of this world, while denigrating the common and simple ways we could love more fully.

We yearn for lives that matter, we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.

... My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who has said, "God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever!" Let us respond together:

We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!

**Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY *Above All*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

O God, we celebrate that we have anything to give at all – be it time or money or even a smile. We ask that you would multiply our offerings this day to be abundant and useful, not just for our congregation’s use, but for the building up of your Kin-dom and growing relationships with those you love. May we be looking for the helper in all we do. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: May Love be with you!

P: And also, with you!

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord!

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise the name of Love and join their unending hymn:

[Musical Setting A – page 17]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of this love in Jesus Christ, we offer our love completely as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

... 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.

COMMUNION SONGS Red Hymnal

#170 *O How I Love Jesus*

#640 *Take Our Bread*

#641 *Fill My Cup, Lord*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to be love as you are love. 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.

NURTURING LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN Green Hymnal #3101**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;

how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING** (Responsively)

L: Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the right places!

P: We will look for signs of Unexpected Love, keeping watch for God's love where we least expect it.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *I Love to Tell the Story*

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday March 26, 2023:

8:00am -33	General Fund: \$1,305
10:30am -44	Building: \$20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-We are having a love feast on Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6:30pm and sharing a meal together. If you have not RSVP'd on the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall, today is the last day. Thank you!

-Adult Book Study: We will resume reading *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin Diangelo. We'll meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month starting April 10 at 6:30pm. Thanks to all and please feel free to contact Mike DeBenedetto with your questions.

-UMCAP Antioch Pizza fundraiser: If you order from Antioch Pizza on Wednesday April 5 and *mention the preschool* at the time of payment, the preschool will receive 15% of all proceeds. You can also order a frozen pizza to enjoy later by ordering on Tuesday April 4 and picking it up on the 5th. If you have any questions, contact Kim at 847-395-1362. Flyers are available on the table in Wesley Hall with all of the information and can be taken to serve as a reminder. Thank you for supporting the preschool.

-Easter lilies have been ordered for our sanctuary. You are welcome to make an offering towards the flowers in honor/in memory of a loved one. Please print clearly the name and "in honor of" or "in memory of." Mark your envelope "flowers." The names of those honored will be in our bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please turn your names into the office by **Tuesday, April 4**. Flowers will be available to take home following the 2nd Easter service.

-We will be starting United Women of Faith (UWF) on April 5 at 11:45am in Wesley Hall. Please bring a sack lunch and a drink. Coffee and dessert will be provided. UWF is open to all women of our church. A small donation will be collected. If you have any questions, please see Leta Sathoff or call 847-395-3066. Hope to see you all there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today Palm/Communion Sunday
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir/
Sunday School, 9:15am
AA, 8-9pm/White Room
- Mon, April 3 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
Quilters, 9-12pm/Green Room
- Tues, April 4 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Butter Braid Pickup, 1-2:30pm/W. Hall
UMCAP Sloth Fundraiser, 2-3pm/W. Hall
Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/All Saints Rm
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Wed, April 5 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
UWF, 11:45am/W. Hall
- Thurs, April 6 Maundy Thursday
UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
Love Feast, 6:30pm/W. Hall
- Fri, April 7 Good Friday
AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm;
8:30-9:30pm/White Room
Tenebrae Worship Service, 6:30pm
- Sat, April 8 AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Sun, April 9 Easter/Communion Sunday
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir/
Sunday School, 9:15am
AA, 8-9pm/White Room
Private Event, 1-5pm/Kitchen/W. Hall

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

April 9

Greeters

8:00am LouAnn Holmes

Vi Kluth

10:30am Pat Calkins

Terry King

Ushers

8:00am Irv Metz

Jim Menzer

10:30am Dan Fluck

Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am Bob Raukohl

Walt Cichonski

10:30am Mike Lapke

Chris Shannon

Liturgists

8:00am Jane Buck

Mike DeBenedetto

10:30am Nikki Georgia

Carol Dunn

Coffee Servers

8:00am Linda Hensgen

Mike DeBenedetto

Vi Kluth

Pat Metz

10:30am Terry King &

Phil & Nikki

Family

Georgia

Church Openers

Heather Menzer

Bob Raukohl

Communion

8:00am Heather Menzer

Carol Cichonski

Wayne Buck

10:30am Margaret Zaller

Carol Dunn

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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is April 15th for the May newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.