

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 13, 2014

## Palm Sunday

*Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . .  
in jubilant praise and with broken bread?*

*...the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this'*  
Matthew 21:10

### Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

Gathering Music & Procession

*We carry in a flame, the Bible and a prayer cloth. May we trust the  
Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives  
together with God as we begin our time of worship.*

Call to Worship

Look, our King is coming. Blessed is his name.

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good!**

With branches, cloaks, and loud hosannas we greet him.

**Give thanks to the Lord; his love endures forever!**

Rejoice! The son of David has arrived. Our Savior is here!

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good!**

**His love endures forever!**

Invocation

Opening Hymn HWB 25

*Jesus, stand among us*

### Proclaiming the Word

Epistle reading

Philippians 2:4-11

Confession of Sin – Claiming our Assurance (see insert)

Hymn HWB 238

*Hosanna, loud hosanna*

Sermon Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Testimony

Patrice Flaming

Quiet Reflection

*The periods of silence will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.*

Message

“Let's ride”

Rob Burdette

Quiet reflection

### Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 239

*Ride on, ride on in majesty*

Offertory and Prayer

Prayers of the People

Sending Song HWB 429

*Go now in peace*

Benediction

*Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.*

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Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

9:30 am - Sunday School    10:45 am - Worship  
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When the people welcome Jesus through the city gates, they are looking for a winner. Palm branches were used to welcome victors in war, military heroes who had saved the Jewish people from their enemies. The people wave palm branches and call out "Hosanna" because they anticipate that Jesus will save them from Roman occupation. But the would-be "king of the Jews" doesn't act very kingly. He allows himself to be arrested, to be hung up on wood like a common criminal. When the crowds realize that Jesus isn't the kind of hero they expected, they turn on him. Disappointment turns to rage.

- Stephanie Jaeger, pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park in Chicago, *Christian Century*, April 2, 2014

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**Lent Banner in the sanctuary:** The banner celebrates the triumphal entry through the allusion of green palms waving over the path (yellow) that Jesus and we will follow together leading us into the dark swirling of the complex encounters (blue) of the week to come.

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Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,  
Marlene & Stan Smucker

Musicians: Yvonne Bontrager, Euny Kerbs, Deb Voth,  
Rachel Epp Buller

Visual Arts: Marla Sawatzky Rowe

Sound & Closing: Greg Nickel

Bulletin Cover: *Roman legion, Reenactment of the Siege of Jerusalem, 70AD.* Google Images.

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Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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