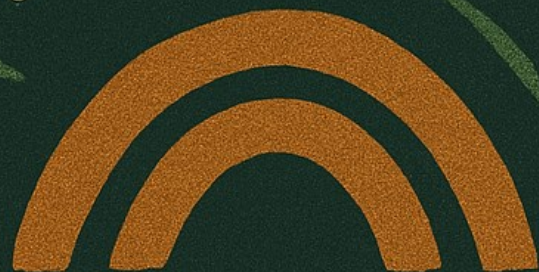
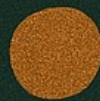




DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Jesus' inclusive call
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care for creation,
and work for
God's justice.



Celebration of Worship

April 13, 2025, 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Passion Sunday

[Click Here to Watch](#)

*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Rondo Alla Turca
from Sonata No. 11 in A Major
Sam Schroeder, piano

W.A. Mozart

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Val Fowler

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

Praise, Praise, Praise
Please join in singing:

Traditional Cameroon

"Praise, praise, praise God. Praise God's holy name, alleluia!"

*Call to Worship *(Adapted from Psalm 57)*

Nancy Brown

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven! Hosanna! Hosanna!

*Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(Verses 1 & 2; music may be found on page 8.)

ELLACOMBE

*Procession of the Palms

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We praise you this day, O God, with singing and palm branches waving.

(Wave your branch.)

Leader: We join with all creation and all God's people, in praising your name!

(Wave your branch.)

Leader: We want to follow Jesus in loyal service.

(Wave your branch.)

Leader: Still, it is much easier just to celebrate the good times — the parades, the healings, the teachings, the comforting hand — than to recognize the tough times.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Leader: Put your branch behind your back.

People: It is easy to ignore the risk-taking that goes with a commitment to making peace and working for justice.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Leader: Keep your branch behind your back.

People: It is easy to ignore the risk-taking that follows Jesus to the cross.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Leader: Keep your branch behind your back.

People: Forgive us, God.

Leader: Bring your branch to the front and hold it close.

People: Fill us with Jesus' passion and love, energy and grace. Help us to live as disciples of your beloved Son and servant.

Leader: Hold your branch high.

People: Amen!

(Wave your branch.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God understands how difficult it is to live as Jesus did.

Still, God calls us to live as Jesus did. God is always ready to forgive, and to help us turn our lives around and begin anew.

People: This is God's love and God's mercy. Thanks be to God.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hymn	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna <i>(Verse 3; music may be found on page 8.)</i>	ELLACOMBE
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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture	Exodus 14:15-18
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Music for Reflection	Alleluia from Brazillian Psalm <i>"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, O Lord, O Lord, Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have. But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed one. We have no cymbals for your praise, no harps to praise you, But I'll praise you with waving of palms. Accept them, I implore you. I will dance and sing your praises! But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed one. Alleluia, Alleluia."</i> Text: Jorge de Lima	Jean Berger
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Scripture	Luke 19:29-44
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Sermon	"Go Forward"	Rev. Fowler
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*Hymn	Lead on, O King Eternal <i>(Music may be found on page 9.)</i>	LANCASHIRE
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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

† Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

*"How fair is Thy face, Yea fair, yea fair,
Thou Son of God, Thou Prince of Grace!
O Thou my Shulamite, sweet and kind, Yea kind, yea kind,
All that I have is also Thine.*

*My friend, Thou art mine, Yea mine, yea mine,
For evermore let me be Thine,
Thou canst me save, canst me save, Yea save, yea save,
Both here on earth and 'yond the grave.*

*Remember my plight, Yea plight, yea plight,
Around me hostile swords flash bright.
Fly hither, Dove of Grace, Dove of Grace, Apace, apace!
Among the rocks are peace and space.*

*How fair is Thy face, how fair Thy face,
Thou Son of God, Thou Prince of Grace,
My Shulamite, so sweet and kind,
O Thou my Shulamite,
All that I have is Thine!"*

Text: Hans Adolf Brorson (1694-1764) Trans. Percy Grainger

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Holy One, we thank you for the great deeds of renewal and redemption that
you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings, made in thanksgiving.
May they further your work in this world; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN
(Music may be found on page 10.)**

*Charge & Benediction

Choral Response

In Manus Tuas, Domine

Thomas Tallis

"Into your hands I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth."

Text: Psalm 31:6

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to...

Liturgist: Nancy Brown

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,

Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

- 10:00AM Choir Warm-up
- 10:45AM Nursery
- 11:00AM Worship - Rev. Val Fowler
- 11:15AM Sunday School
- 12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 15

- 10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom
- 7:00PM Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 16

- 4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom
- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

- 10:00AM Personnel Mtg via Zoom
- 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

- 10:30AM Meditation Walk at Highland Park

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

- 10:00AM Choir Warm-up
- 10:45AM Nursery
- 11:00AM Worship - Rev. Val Fowler
- 11:15AM Sunday School
- 12:00PM Refreshments in Sanctuary



197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

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Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Children and Youth" for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



† **We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

* **An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

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