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Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday

March 16, 2008

11:00AM

Welcome to Messiah! The Holy Spirit has called and gathered us this day to worship our God! May our offering of praise glorify God and may we be blessed by the love and grace of God we experience in Word, Sacrament and fellowship.

A special welcome to those visiting with us today! Know you have a standing invitation to join us whenever you are able. Please help us get to know you by signing the attendance card in this bulletin.

We hope the following notes will help your worship experience:

Hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

For Children: Children's Worship Activity Bags are available in the Lobby. The smaller bags are for the younger children and the larger bags for the little older children. Please help yourself and then return them to the rack after worship.

An unattended nursery is available for children through 3 years of age. Please ask an usher for assistance.

All Baptized Christians are welcomed at the Lord's Table. Please fill out the Attendance/Communion card and put it in the offering plate during offering. Come as you feel led, to the communion rail, by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is available from the center of the communion trays.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Indicates those who are able may stand*

GATHERING MUSIC

How Majestic Is Your Name

Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord we praise Your name
Oh Lord we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace Mighty God
Oh Lord God Almighty

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*BLESSING OF THE PALMS

**All waving branches*

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

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus of Nazareth in Galilee."

*THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches (*raise branches*) and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **AMEN**

*PALM PROCESSION

Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest

Chorus

*Lord, we lift up Your Name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God
Hosanna in the highest*

Glory, Glory,
Glory to the King of kings

Glory, Glory,
Glory to the King of kings

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*PRAYER

*SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

*Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

(BRIDGE)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus

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SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 27:11-54

MESSAGE

OFFERING SONG

You Are My All In All

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my All in All
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in All

Chorus

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name*

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my All in All
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in All

CHORUS (2 times)

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PRAYERS

COMMUNION

In Love For Me

This is My body broken for you
Bringing you wholeness making you free
Take it and eat it and when you do
Do it in love for Me

This is My blood poured out for you
Bringing forgiveness making you free
Take it and drink it and as you do
Do it in love for Me

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You Are My King

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, you were condemned
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

CHORUS

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You*

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

REPEAT VERSE AND CHORUS

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BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

SONG

The Name Of The Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord most high
(repeat)

Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord most high.
(repeat)

The name of the Lord is
A strong tower
The righteous run into it
And they are saved
(repeat)

Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord most high
(repeat)

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord most high
(repeat)

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

SONRISE TEAM

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Accompanist: Vicki Palank		

Worship Leaders

Acolytes: Kyle Moore, Alexis Rosemann, Alysha Abraham, Skylar Muller
Communion Assistants: Kraig, Michele, & Noah Thelen
Ushers: Randy Schreiner's Team
Counters: Pat Kenealy, Charlie Richard
Sound Techs: Tim Schutz, John Rechkemmer, John Preisinger, Joren Nichol森, James Berger

Dedications

Altar: Donna Bright in memory of my parents Henry & Elnora Mack
Howard & Judy Sorensen in memory of loved ones

News from Messiah

Dedications needed for March: Bulletin- 30th, **Candle-**23rd,30th



Thursday March 20th: Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

With First Communion

Friday March 21st : Good Friday Service 7pm

Sunday March 23rd : Easter Sunday Services

6:30am Sunrise Service at Ralston Middle School

7:00-10:45am Easter Breakfast

8:30am Traditional Service

11:00am Contemporary Service



All the young people of the congregation and the neighborhood are invited to the 2nd annual Messiah Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Senior High Youth. You are invited to gather at the church this Saturday March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. and then you will be sent out to "hunt" for the eggs.

Worship service recordings are now available on CD. Contact the Sound Booth if interested in receiving a copy.

Don't Forget the Property Replacement Fund! Equipment and the building continue to need repairs and upgrades! Current fund balance: **\$1458.00.**



The Senior High Youth will be preparing and serving the Easter Breakfast next Sunday, March 23 from 7:00-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be taken. Please plan to attend and support the youth. *A Thrivent Financial Fundraising Event!* All proceeds will help support the upcoming Senior High Work trip to Tishomingo, Oklahoma this summer.



Ralph Baker is having a Birthday Open House on Sat. March 29th from 2-4pm in the Assisted Living area in Brighton Gardens. If unable to come, please send him a card at : Brighton Gardens, 9220 Western Avenue #164, Omaha, NE 68114.



This is the last week to sign up for Easter Lily dedications for Easter Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Renovation Capital Campaign Update:

2008 Goal: \$75,000

2008 Received: \$20,177

Total received for Sanctuary Renovation: \$121,786



A.R.K.s

Acts of Random Kindness

All through Lent you will be encouraged to go out into the world and do two Acts (the animals came to the ARK two by two) of Random Kindness each day. (That means you will have completed 80 acts during Lent!)

We ask you to anonymously record your acts on the animal sheets provided and place them in the ARK. The goal during Lent is to have an ARK overflowing with Kindness! Please pick up your animal tracking sheets from the table outside the sanctuary. The goal is for everyone to do 2/day during Lent.

Sunday school rooms for today: 1st/2nd BibleMax Cinema, 3rd/4th Computer Room, 5th/6th Messiah Playhouse **Next week Mar. 23:** No Sunday School

Soldiers in Need: Your donations help wounded soldiers at Landstuhl Hospital in Germany. Total received to date **\$7500.00**. Thank You! You may continue to contribute to Help Soldiers in Need. Your donations will be used to purchase phone cards, clothing and other personal items. Make checks payable to Messiah with "soldiers in need" in the memo.

Community News

Tune in to Grace Matters at 7:05am Sunday mornings on KFAB 1110. **Sunday Mar. 23:** Peter W. Marty – Easter Sunday – The Nonsense of Standstill Christianity based on *Mark 16:1-8*

In Our Prayers

Our Messiah Family Members:

Howard Sorensen, Dorothy Mennem, Carol McIntyre, Vonda Arfman, Barb Nelson, Meghan Hilger, Karin LaMaster, Millie Evers, Joel Richter, Pat Hoffman, Mary Van Caster, Kristie Plugge, Frances Kuehl, Edie Yearout, Dawn Kowal, Jack & Jean Wiechmann, Barb Goehring, Ron Ackerman, Steve Yearout, Neal McDonald, Ralph & Edna Baker, John Simmons, Molly Chamberlin, Wendell Kronberg & Phil Nickels.

Jason Smith	(Grandson of Minnie Rasmussen)
Frances Schultz	(Mother of Carol Ackerman)
Rich Chalfant	(Brother of Sue Simmons)
Daryl Stevens	(Co-worker of Rita Card)
Kelly Carver	(Friend & Co-worker of Shelli Mosser & Kim Berger)
Gerry Wood	(Grandfather of James & Jonathan Berger)
Larry Jacobsen	(Brother of Sharon Yearsley)
Vivian Chapin	(Mother of Elaine Chapin)
Meade Chamberlin	(Father of Molly Chamberlin)
Jill Cooney	(Daughter of Jo Stowe)
Ron Grove	(Brother-in-law of Margaret Benson)
Nick Thelen	(Brother of Kraig Thelen)
Rodney Klein Sr.	(Father of Rita Card's son-in-law)
Ron Slavik	(Son of friends of Mayme Blomstedt)
Gary Shanahan	(Brother of Jeff Shanahan)
Abby, Jason & Francie Glanzer	(Friends of Linda Tegeder)
Wilma Schardt	(Aunt of Sandy Weber)
Tony Allen	(Friend of Rich Petersen)
Christina Daley	(Friend of Laura Bloyd)
Zach & Wendy Nelson	(Friends of Linda Petersen)
Pat Harvart	(Friend of Carol Ackerman)
Roxanne Thatcher	(Friend of Carol Ackerman)
Doug Maline	(Friend of Stephans & Leepers)
Doug Dudas	(Family of Chris Shada)
Elsie Simmons	(Sister of Harry Blomstedt)
Dan Fasich	(Friend of Linda Peterson)

In Our Prayers

For Those who are grieving

The Family of Donald Whannell	(Brother of Bette Grant)
The Family of Derek Victor	(Former Messiah Member)
The Family of Bill Roth	(Friend of Beth Jensen)
The Family of Viola Hiatt	(Mother of Linda Tegeder)
The Family of Katherine Gaa	(Mother of Ike Gaa)
The Family of Lori Hamilton	(Messiah Member)
The Family of Kenneth Klanderud	(Brother of Phyllis Fidelity)
The Family of Candice Chapp	(Friend of Donna Bright)
The Family of Sue Hinkle	(Friend of Marilyn Horner)
The Family of Terry Groves	(Friend of Guy Plugge)
The Family of Fred Mack	(Brother of Donna Bright)
The Family of Tomasina Maxwell	(Mother of Teresa Hauptman)
The Family of Nathan Peterson	(Father of Deb Rothe)
The Family of Haylee Beck	(Family of the Yearouts)
The Family of Elsie Schardt	(Grandmother of Sandy Weber)
The Family of Gloria Vaughn	(Messiah Member)
The Family of Nan McCollister	(Friend of Wendell & Joyce Kronberg)

Our Loved Ones Deployed: (*Denotes Messiah Members)

*Lisa Hodgden * Chase Nickels *Shane Willers

John Regan	(Ike Gaa's step-son)
Michael Carlson	(Kim & Kirk Carlson's son)
Brian Carlson	(Kim & Kirk Carlson's son)
Darin Snider	(Kim & Kirk Carlson's son)
Brandon Krivanek	(Jerry Stotts' nephew)
Michael Schroeder	(Friend of Amy Wilke)
Tony Finley	(Donna Balkus' family relation)
Ashley Barry	(Andrea & Tony Hargan's friend)
Clint Haywood	(Bob Nelsen's Family Friend)
Mark Kistler	(Friend of Amanda Blomberg)
Adam Peterson	(John & Betty Peterson's Grandson)
Kory Davids	(Nephew of Kent Davids)
Christina Ostler	(Daughter of Ron Alkire)
Ben Williams	(Friend of Paul & Sandy Weber)

The candle on the credence table is dedicated to those who presently and who have in the past served our country through military service. It is lit as a reminder to continue to pray for their safety and protection.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Sunday March 16th	8:30am	Traditional Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour Men's Bible Study in lounge Care for the Caregiver class in gameroom downstairs
	11:00am	Contemporary Worship
Monday March 17th	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	7:00pm	Rebecca Circle
	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Little Disciples Room
Tuesday March 18 th	10am	Marytha Circle
	7pm	Sonrise Team practice
	7-9pm	Financial Peace University in Senior High room
Wednesday March 19 th	5:00pm	Newsletter deadline
	6:30-8pm	Choir rehearsal
	7-9pm	Knit/crochet group
Thursday March 20 th	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion
Friday March 21 st	7pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday March 22 nd	10am	Easter Egg Hunt 3-year-olds through 5 th grade
	11am	Set up for Easter breakfast
Sunday March 23 rd Easter Sunday	6:30am	Outdoor Sunrise Service Ralston Middle School

	7:00-10:45am	Easter Breakfast served by Sr. High Youth
	8:30am	Traditional Service
	11:00am	Contemporary Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 24 th		Church office closed
Tuesday March 25 th	6pm	Sue's Advisory Committee meeting
Wednesday March 26 th	6:30- 8:00pm	Confirmation/ Choir Rehearsal
Saturday March 29 th	7pm	Pete James Concert Christian Recording Artist from Sheffield, England Doors open at 6pm
Sunday March 30 th Sanctuary Dedication Sunday	9am	Celebration Worship Service
	10:30am	Sanctuary Dedication Program
	11:30am	Reception in Fellowship Hall
	1:00— 4:00pm	Open House for Community to tour Sanctuary
Doors open at 5:00pm	6:00pm	"Life in Christ" Circus performance
	6:30pm	Comedian Scott Wood from LA performs
March 31- April 6		Rita on Vacation
Tuesday April 1	10am	MARS
Sunday April 6 th	9:31am	Congregational Meeting