



**Stone Church of Willow Glen -
Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California**

**April 13, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday**

The Preparation for the Word

*Before worship, speak with God. During worship, let God speak to you.
After worship, speak with those around you.*

Chimes

Prelude

“Marche Pontificale”

*Camil van Hulse (1897-1988)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell

Introit

“Hosanna!” from Jesus Christ Superstar

*Bob Fraser as Caipha; Judy West as Christa; Guest Musicians
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

***Call to Worship**

Rosaleen Zisch, Liturgist

We come to worship the One who enters not with power and pride, but riding a borrowed donkey, turning the world’s values upside down.

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in peace and humility. We welcome Christ, our liberator and healer.

The crowds waved branches and shouted praise, but the road ahead was not easy— it led through betrayal, grief, and the cross.

Still we come, not to escape the struggle, but to find strength for the journey.

Let us lay down our assumptions, our certainties, our need to control— and open our hearts to the way of Jesus.

Hosanna in the highest! We worship the One who shows us how love looks riding into a broken world.

***Opening Hymn #196** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

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**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

3
*To thee before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,*

1

*Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.*
<Refrain>

2

*The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.*
<Refrain>

our melody we raise.

<Refrain>

4

*Thou didst accept their praises:
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Even as we shout Hosanna, we know how quickly praise can turn to silence, how easily we retreat when love costs us something.

Jesus enters our lives, not just in triumph, but in truth— exposing injustice, calling out hypocrisy, inviting us to a deeper, braver way of love.

So let us come, not in shame, but in courage— to confess the ways we have missed the mark, and to receive the mercy that never turns away.

Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess that we are drawn to power but struggle to follow your way of humility. We like the idea of change— as long as it doesn't disrupt our comfort. We wave palms and cry *Hosanna*, but we hesitate to speak up when truth is costly. We turn away from suffering—ours and others'— even as you walk straight into it with love.

Forgive us. Turn our hearts again to you. Give us courage to follow, even when the path is uncertain, trusting that your grace meets us not just on the mountaintop, but in every valley and shadow. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news: Even when we falter, God does not turn away. Even when we miss the point, Christ meets us with open arms and an open heart.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are set free to begin again, to walk the way of compassion and courage.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***The Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (O.T., p. 565)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Anthem

"Palm Branches and Cloaks"

Ruben Ruiz Avila, arr., Schutmaat Stepping Stones Choir; Peggy Spool, Director

The Second Lesson

Luke 19: 28-40 (N.T., p. 83)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from 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 that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Sermon

"The Wilderness of Politics"

Rev. Fred Harrell

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Friends, God has been generous with us, so let us now return to God a portion of what has been given to our care.

Choral Offertory

"Acclamation"

from Robert Ray Gospel Mass

***Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, you rode into Jerusalem not to claim a throne, but to reveal a kingdom shaped by justice, mercy, and love. As we offer these gifts, may they be used not for power or prestige, but to lift up the lowly, to heal the hurting, and to build a community where all are welcome.

Use our offerings—and our lives—to follow you into the streets, into the margins, into the places where hope is needed most.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion servers ~ Sheri Cunningham, Bill Raby-Brown

Invitation to the Table

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Karl Digerness

**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!

...Great is the mystery of the faith.

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

...And now as Christ has taught us, we pray together:

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.

***Sharing the Bread & Cup**

Communion Music

"Stay with Us"

**Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
night will soon fall.**

**Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
light in our darkness**

"Come and Fill"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

Holy Spirit, we thank you for this meal— for bread and cup, for the presence of Christ that feeds our souls and stirs our hearts awake.

Let what we have received here become grace we offer to the world. In the name of the One who came not to condemn, but to love— Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

***Closing Hymn #197** *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

1
*Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.*

3
*Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.*

2
*From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.*

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Postlude *"O Happy Day" Traditional* *arr. Edwin Hawkins*

*Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.
Please exit thru the back doors, thru the Narthex to the patio.*

***Those who are able may rise in body or spirit.**

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

Artist's note; For my Lenten discipline, this year, I have chosen words (with backgrounds inspired by these words) which we might meditate with, concentrate on, and spend some time considering as they relate to ourselves, our church, our nation, and our world. **CONNECT**

ASL Interpreter – Hannah Sullivan

Guest Musicians ~ Nick Snyder, drums; Daniel D'Abreo Noronha, keyboard; David Hoch, bass guitar; Russell Kromm, percussion; Genny Kromm, trumpet, Leroy Kromm, piano.

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*The Stone Church of Willow Glen acknowledges that the land on which we worship this morning is the
unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone people.*

During March, **Presbyterian Women (PW)** and friends
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.



2025 Easter Flowers, given by...

Susan Bedolla	In memory of Mary Alice Collins
The Coleman/Espinal Family	In memory of Lamar Coleman and Michael Fatjo
Janice Goertz	In memory of Mel Goertz, Mary Brandt Kerr, Junelle Taylor Brandt and Jim & Eleanor Brandt
Jim Hagan	In memory of Linda J. Hagan
Claudia Hamm	In memory of The Rev. Dr. David G. Beamer and The Rev. Dr. Robert S. Bowles, former Pastors of Stone Church
Beth Lococo	In remembrance of family members no longer with us
Bob & Fran Lowry	In memory of Ruth Lowry & Veronica Augello
Martha Mamula	In memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Mamula
Suzanne Murata	In honor of Marilyn Butz and Hae Yong Kim
Kathleen Oliver	In memory of Eugene & Elsie Oliver, William and Elsie Schmidt, Melsa Clapp, Dulcie Janzen, Myrtle Oliver and Marie Munson
Bruce & Ida Raby	In memory Ruth Weaver and in honor of her daughter, Sharon Attebury
Michael Raby-Brown	In honor of Aunt Chris Baker, Aunt Dot Parker & Cousin Traci Parker
Jeanette Rapp	In honor of Rev. Marge Palmer
Bill Ribble	In memory of Bill and Betsy Ribble and Harold and Alice Rathbun
Dorothy Rowe	In memory of my parents, Lester and Elinor Rowe
The Van Den Bosch Family	In honor of all who give their love and talents to Stone Church and congregation
The Zisch Family	In memory of Grandma Hulbert

In memory of those who passed away since last Easter...
Kathleen O'Brien, Jim Lathrop, Mel Goertz, Mary Alice Collins,
Barbara Arata, Joan Helms, Rev. George Erickson, Rev. Bob Bowles,
Carol Lathrop, Diana Lim, and Mercedes Martin



Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. The nearest **restroom** is located between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall; exit thru the double doors at the front of the Sanctuary (near the TV). Everyone is invited for **refreshments** and fellowship in the Social Hall and on the patio after worship. We welcome the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your baby (age 0-3) gets too wiggly for you, you may take them to the **Nursery**, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3.

Each Week, Stone Church Invites You to Share Holy Communion - We use the intinction method, dipping the bread in the cup—amber is juice, dark red is wine. When the time comes, we will process down the center aisle; take bread (in cup or cut – gluten free avail) and dip; the server will say a few words; partake of the moistened bread; return to your seat by the side aisles.

Children's Church School – Children meet in the Fireside Room at 9:30 am (stone building on the other side of the Social Hall). They will come to worship to sing the anthem!

Today the Unity Candle is at [Santa Teresa Hills](#) (Rev. Deb Troester). Each week the unity candle travels to a different church in the San Jose Presbytery; please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

Flowers on the Retable, the decorative palms in the sanctuary, and the strips given to congregants are given in honor of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and in memory of the Rev. Richard J. Rapp by his wife, Jeanette. The Lamb banner on the left shows the Lamb wounded, lying on the Book of the Seven Seals (Revelation 5:1); the three-rayed nimbus denoting deity. The right-hand banner depicts the Lamb no longer wounded, standing with the banner of victory, denoting the victorious nature of His sacrifice.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected **today**. Through your gifts to this nation-wide PC(USA) effort, you serve people locally and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophes, and working with communities to overcome oppression. Please use the envelope in your bulletin.

Easter Egg Hunt Today -- Join the fun! Toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners to fifth graders, are invited to search for colorful, filled plastic eggs.

Flower Cross – Today and the rest of Holy Week (4/13-20), please add flowers to the flower cross on the church's front lawn. Bring your own or use those provided. We encourage everyone to participate.

Our Last Lenten Taizé Service is this **Tuesday, April 15th**. Explore this time of quiet, music, scripture, and prayer. The Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm, service starts at 6:45 pm.

Maundy Thursday – We'll gather **this Thu, April 17th** (7 pm) for a simple yet meaningful worship service, where we'll reflect on Jesus' powerful command to love one another—a message that feels more important than ever in today's world. There will not be dinner served beforehand.

Good Friday Worship Service, this Fri, April 18th (Noon). Good Friday is an old way of saying 'God's Friday,' the day of Jesus' death on the cross. During this service we will remember and reflect on the crucifixion, using Scripture, prayer, song and poetry, to guide us along the "Way of the Cross". This service will conclude in darkness, symbolizing the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Jesus' death.

Easter Sunday, we have 2 services:

- **Sunrise Service (6:30am)**, which has been created (and will be run) by our Youth Group. This is a great time to see our youth in action!
- **Worship (9:30am)**, our traditional Easter service with our Chancel Choir, brass, and guest musicians!

Men's Book Group meets **Mon, Apr 21st** (7 pm), in the Lincoln House (office) conference room, to discuss "Framed" by Jim McClosky and John Grisham. All men welcome—to enjoy the conversation, wine & snacks.

Loaves and Fishes – Join Stone Church volunteers who make and serve meals. Join us on **Wed, Apr 23rd**. For info, contact (maureenLchandler@comcast.net).

Jim Lathrop's Memorial will be held at Stone Church on **Sat, Apr 26th** (2pm). All are invited.

Kathleen O'Brien's family is having her memorial service at Center for Spiritual Enlightenment (1146 University Ave., SJ), **Sat, May 17th** (1pm).

Trail Walkers – After many raining months, we have finally scheduled a hike for **Sat, Apr 26th**. This is a 3.5 to 4 mile gentle downhill walk (yes, downhill!) from the summit of Mt. Umunhum to the Bald Eagle parking lot where we will stage our cars before the hike. There will be time before we set out to explore the grounds and enjoy the views from the summit. Meet on the church patio at 8am sharp if you would like to carpool. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kathy Stark (kathystark.4@gmail.com).

Rapid Response Training Session - PACT (People Acting in Community Together) will present a workshop on **Sun, April 27 (2 to 3:30 p.m.)** at Stone to train people to help protect our immigrant community during ICE actions. The Rapid Response Network has a hotline people can call for support when they face immediate action in our community. This workshop is sponsored Stoneworks. Sign-up in the Social Hall following the service.

WG 5K - Stone Church will be a Sponsor for the [Willow Glen 5K](#) – **Sat, May 10th**.

- [Register](#) to **walk**, run or stroll the event, and consider wearing your Stone Church t-shirt! (<https://wg5k.org/registration>)
- **Join the Team!** When registering, select "Stone Church of Willow Glen" as your *team!*
- **Need a Stone Church T-Shirt** to wear on race day? Shirts will be available (free) in the Social Hall after church **starting today**, shirts are first-come, first-serve basis through May 4th.

April 13 – 20, 2025		Tuesday (4/15)	
Sunday (4/13)	Palm Sunday	6:30 - 7:30pm	Taizé Service - SA
8:30 - 9am	Choir Practice - SA	Wednesday (4/16)	
9:30 - 10:30am	Worship & Communion	4:30 - 6:15pm	Vivace - SH
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - SH	6:30 - 9pm	Organ Practice - SA
11 - 11:30am	Easter Egg Hunt - Backyard	7:30 - 9pm	Choir Practice - SH
5 - 7pm	Youth Group - SH/K	Thursday (4/17)	Maundy Thursday
Monday (4/14)		3 - 5pm	Stephen Ministers - SH
4 - 7:30pm	Vivace - SH	7 - 9pm	MSC2 - Conf.Room
6 - 7:30pm	Vivace - SA	7 - 8pm	Maundy Thursday Worship - SA
7 - 9pm	Sapphire Circle - Host TBD	Friday (4/18)	Good Friday

12 - 1pm Good Friday Worship - SA

Saturday (4/19)

10am - 12pm Liturgical Paraments Setup - SA

Next Sunday (4/20) Easter Sunday

6:30 - 7:30am Sunrise Worship - SH
8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA
9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship -SH

APRIL Birthdays - (1st) Garrett Balao; (2nd) Craig Bowers; (3rd) Peter Nelson; (4th) Madison McManus;(5th) Renee Pavlovich; (8th) Lizanne Oliver, Laraine Pitcher, Joyce Linn, & Mary Burfine; (9th) Eric Olson; (10) Alison Armstrong; (12th) Janice Goertz; (15th) Rev. Marge Palmer, Pam Hood, & Rhonda Lakatos; (17th) Michele Edwards, Bob Lowry, Marcia Ludwig & Nina Mundi; (20th) Jody Evans; (21st) Sheri Cunningham.; (22nd) Allison van Digglen; (23rd) Claudia Hamm; (24th) Gary Fritz & Bill Ribble; (27th) Susan Bedolla. & Heather Henry; (28th) Sabine Nelson; (29th) Jerry Keifer; (30th) Raven Bateman, Jim Hagan & Rod Thorn.

APRIL Anniversary - Fran & Bob Lowry (4/10/1976).

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