

Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) – Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (age 4) – Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade K-2) – Peaceful class
- MIDDLE (grade 3-5) – Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH – JYF (grades 5-7) – off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL – MYF (grades 8-12) – off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE – Library
- YOUNG ADULT - off Jubilee Hall
- ADULTS
 - Better than a Donut - end of hallway
 - New Life Stage (for people in their 30's and 40's) - sanctuary
 - Colossian Forum (closed group) – Dan's office
 - Sermon Response - between Jubilee hall and Marilyn's office
 - Women's Bible Study – music room
 - Wrestling with Our National Reality - sanctuary

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Palm/Passion Sunday: Restore us, O God! We hope.

Focus statement: Our human society values status, power, wealth, and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this?"

Gathering for Worship

Songs

God is here among us

blue, 16

O sing to the Lord

green, 12

I will come to you in the silence

purple, 49

Call to Worship

Leader: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Who is this who comes, celebrated by powerless children?

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!

Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the Children?*

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Children's Time

Laura Moshier, Emily Krabill, Ellie Wenger

Triumphal Procession with Palm Branches

Song: *Jesus is Coming*

purple, 73

Offering

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly—riding on a donkey. In peace, you showed us the way of your kingdom. We confess that our vision of the kingdom is not pure. It is stained with our own selfish desires.

**People: We shout hosannas to praise you,
—only out of our need to survive.
We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you
—only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when our mouths that seek to praise you often deny and defy you.

**People: Renew in us an obedient spirit,
that we may fully accept and follow your will.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our true Hope,
All: restore us.

Leader: Our times are in your hands, O God. Let your face shine upon your servants who pursue your will, and save us in your unfailing love.

Song: *God remembers* green, 107
Scripture: Matthew 27:45-50 Cindy and Doug Baker
Sermon: "Where Was God?" Dan Schrock

Responding

Liturgical Dance Laura Moshier, Emily Krabill, Ellie Wenger
Song: *You are all we have* green, 29
Congregational Sharing and Prayer Judy Weaver

Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors
(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Announcements

Song: *Let there be light, Lord God* blue, 371

Sending Words: *Live in hopeful attention to the One who comes to deliver us. Live in hope. Live in love.*

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Lois Mast
Song Leader: Andrea Bontrager Yoder
Pianist: Angela Shenk
Offertory: Greg Smucker
Ushers: Ron and Lori Good
AV Operator: Phil Bauman
Visuals: Merrill Krabill

Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the AV operator if you would like one.

We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.

Infant Care: Diane Nafziger, Evie and Dan Nafziger
Toddler Care: Joy Hostetter, Jan Shetler, Nancy Yoder