



# *Palm Sunday*

*Sunday, April 14, 2019*

*11:00 a.m.*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers will seat worshipers.

## GATHERING

### INTROIT

Children's Choirs

*Hosanna!*  
Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Hosanna! Blessed is He.  
Who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Carry him now, little donkey,  
Carry God's own Son;  
Carry him gently donkey,  
He is the Holy One.

+\*HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WIR ICH DIR GEBEN

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### VOLUNTARY

Jane Ring, *piano*  
Ben Hutchens, *organ*

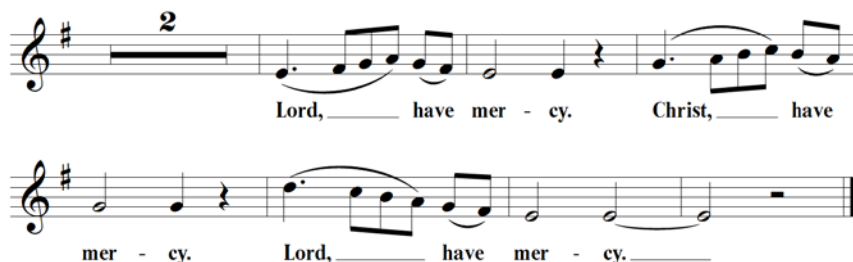
*The Palms*  
Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830–1914)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
Or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion,  
Cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence,  
Or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
And sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Please continue to pray silently*

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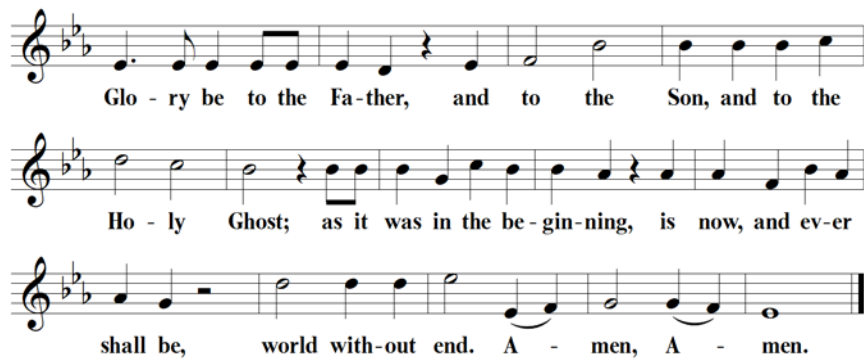


Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a fermata and a '2' above it. The lyrics are: Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have

The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**+\*GLORIA PATRI**



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

**+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

***THE WORD***

**ANTHEM**                    *Hosanna to the Son of David*                    Westminster Choir  
Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

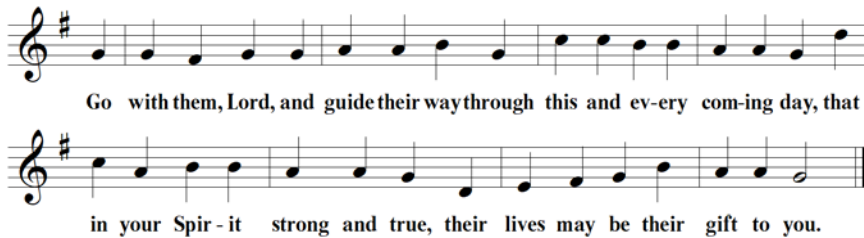
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

**SCRIPTURE**                    Luke 19:28–40                    New Testament, p. 83

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**                    Whitney K. Fauntleroy  
*Following the Children’s Sermon, Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are invited to Children and Worship.*

**RESPONSE**



Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day, that  
in your Spir - it strong and true, their lives may be their gift to you.

**SERMON**                    *Sermons in Stones*                    Larry R. Hayward

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Patrick A. Hunnicutt

**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.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Westminster Choir

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

SOUTHERN HARMONY (1835), Arr. Robert Scholz (b. 1952)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
That caused the Lord of bliss,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I AM, "  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING

\*HYMN 221 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

### \*BENEDICTION

*Please be seated.*

### ANTHEM

Westminster Choir

*The Reproaches*

John Sanders (1933-2003)

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!  
I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross.  
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!  
Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.  
For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from  
heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Savior to the cross.  
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

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*We ask that you silence your cell phones and refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.*

**Leading worship** today are Larry R. Hayward, Pastor; Whitney K. Fauntleroy, Associate Pastor; Patrick A. Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; R. Benjamin Hutchens, Director of Music Ministries; Molly Roden, Associate for Children's Music; Chris Hagan, piano; Jane Ring, piano; Children's Choirs; Westminster Choir.

**The Congregation is invited to Fellowship** in Fellowship Hall after worship, hosted by the Young Adults.

**Today's palm arrangements** have been given in gratitude for the Westminster staff and all that they do for so many every day.

**The purple paraments today mark the season of Lent.** Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. *The paraments (the cloths that hang from the pulpit and communion table) are changed with the liturgical calendar, marking the festivals and seasons that the church observes throughout the year.*

**Childcare for infants and preschoolers** is provided during the service. Classes for preschool children are held in the preschool wing and childcare is provided for the infants in the nursery. **If you need to leave the Sanctuary during worship**, the service can be heard in the Narthex, Library, Library Lobby and Bride's Room off Fellowship Hall.

**Text and audio from past sermons can be found on the church website** at [wpc-alex.org/sermon-podcasts](http://wpc-alex.org/sermon-podcasts). Subscribe to our podcast on iTunes by searching "Westminster Presbyterian Alexandria," or add our feed to your podcast app: <http://wpcalex.sermon.net/rss/main/audio>

**Large print bulletins** and hearing aid devices are available from an usher.

#### VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

**Bus Driver:** Sarah Fabish

**Ushers:** (8:30) Dale Brown, Woody Davis, Reid Stuntz  
(11:00) Ken Niemann (captain), Kris Abrahamson, Melinda Barrett, Doug Todd, Nancy Todd, Fowler West, Rob Winn, Brian Young

**Counters:** Bill Kemp, Marydel Kemp, Judy Mahanes

## VISITOR INFORMATION

wpc-alex.org/im-new

**Thank you for joining us today!** Whether you are exploring faith for the first time, seeking to reconnect with your faith, or searching for a church home, we welcome to Westminster all who seek to discover the significance and meaning of Jesus Christ in their lives.

If you would like to learn more about Westminster, the Presbyterian faith, and membership, we invite you to our next **Inquirer's Class** on **Sunday, May 5 at 9:45 AM** in the Johnson Parlor.

To sign up for the class or for more information about joining Westminster, contact Melissa LoPresti and Jenny Graves at [newmember@wpc-alex.org](mailto:newmember@wpc-alex.org); or Pastor Larry Hayward at [lhayward@wpc-alex.org](mailto:lhayward@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766.

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### Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019  
7:30 PM Sanctuary

### Good Friday

April 19, 2019  
7:30 PM Sanctuary

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### Next Sunday

April 21, 2019  
Easter Sunday

### Worship

8:30 AM Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Sanctuary

### Lectionary Passages

Acts 10:34–43 *or* Isaiah 65:17–25  
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26  
John 20:1–18 *or* Luke 24:1–12

### Sermon

*The Empty Tomb*  
Luke 24:1–12  
Larry R. Hayward



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# WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019



**Maundy Thursday—April 18**

7:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary  
Worship with Communion

**Good Friday—April 19**

7:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday—April 21**

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

*Prelude with Brass and Handbells begins 30 minutes prior to each service  
No Adult, Youth, or Children Education Hour*

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**Mental Health Small Group Gathering** | Today at 12:30 PM in Haverkamp Room  
| Open to all, whether you know someone who has been struggling with mental health challenges, are currently dealing with the many complications and challenges of brain and anxiety disorders, or have an interest in bringing more programs to Westminster on this important topic. All conversation is held in confidence. As we tell our various stories, we'll find support as well as hope for one another. Any questions, please contact Amey Upton or Evangeline Taylor.

**The church office will close** at 1:00 PM on Good Friday, April 18 and remain closed through Monday, April 22. The office will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, April 23.



**Interfaith Trip to Israel | February 16–26, 2020**

Led by Rev. Larry Hayward, Rev. Maggie Hayward & Rabbi Jack Moline  
Sponsored by Westminster PC, Northwood PC & Agudas Achim Congregation  
Join us on a ten-day guided tour from the Sea of Galilee through Tel Aviv and to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. For complete travel itinerary, package information, and registration, visit [wpc-alex.org/israel](http://wpc-alex.org/israel).

Info meeting with Eshet Incoming (travel company)  
Thursday, May 9 | 7:30–9 PM in Haverkamp Room

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## MISSION & SERVICE

**The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good members to serve as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and on the Nominating Committee of our church.**

We seek men and women of strong faith and conviction, joyful hearts, initiative, spiritual maturity, loving concern for others, and who are willing to take an active, informed leadership role in the life of our church. Members can recommend other members (or themselves) by filling out the form at [wpc-alex.org/boards](http://wpc-alex.org/boards) or contacting Bill Keeth, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at [nominating@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nominating@wpc-alex.org). Submit your suggestions by April 28.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Share God's love with our neighbors in need by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Projects supported by OGHS are underway in more than 100 countries; OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Give generously to this offering during the Easter season using the special envelopes in the pew racks, or visit [specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs).

**Meals on Wheels** is in need of a few individuals to serve as occasional substitutes for the regular meal deliverers. WPC delivers Meals on Wheels on the third Tuesday of each month from 9:45–11:30 AM. Email [localmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:localmission@wpc-alex.org) if you are interested.



**Westminster Rebuilding Day** | Saturday, April 27 | Volunteers needed for the Westminster team participating in the Rebuilding Together Alexandria/DC day of fixing up homes of some of our elderly neighbors. This year our house is a townhouse on Sycamore St. (off of Mt. Ida), where we'll work on a new dishwasher, painting/patching, electrical outlets, hand rails and landscaping. You may sign up for three shifts (9 AM–1 PM, 12-4 PM, or all day). Contact [rebuilding@wpc-alex.org](mailto:rebuilding@wpc-alex.org) to sign up or for more information.

**Carpenter's Shelter Annual Cook-Off** | Sunday, April 28 | Sample food from 20 area restaurants and listen to live music while supporting the shelter. Noon to 3 PM at the Birchmere. \$50 adults/\$20 children. Tickets available at [carpentersshelter.org](http://carpentersshelter.org).

**Bridges to Independence Black and Gold Bash** | Wednesday, May 1 | The bash features music, appetizers, and a silent auction. All proceeds directly benefit work serving families experiencing homelessness. 7-10 PM at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center in Old Town. Rather lend a hand? Volunteers are needed to help with set up/decorations, registration, silent auction, check out, and breakdown. Contact Melanie Farrell at [mfarrell@bridges2.org](mailto:mfarrell@bridges2.org) if interested.

**StepALIVE! Walkathon** | Sunday, May 5 | Celebrate ALIVE!'s 50th anniversary and support their Child Development Center (CDC) with a 5K or 5-mile stroll through Old Town Alexandria. The walk begins (2 PM) and ends at First Christian Church at 2723 King Street. Register online as a walker or join/create a team at [www.stepalivewalk.org](http://www.stepalivewalk.org).



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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**ADULTS** [wpc-alex.org/adult](http://wpc-alex.org/adult)  
Contact Amey Upton, Director.

**Through Trauma Towards Praise** | With Dr. Paul Cho  
April 28–May 12 | Sundays, 9:45 AM in Haverkamp Room  
Trauma lies at the heart of the Old Testament, and its many books offer a range of models for embracing potentially traumatic transformations. The Psalter builds a temple in space and in time that envelopes and moves through trauma toward praise. The book of Job places trauma at the beginning and moves simultaneously into the dark reality defined by trauma and out of that darkness into a world after trauma, at once more free and mysterious than the world it attempts to leave behind. We will consider the impact of trauma on the formation of the Bible generally and the two particular responses in the Psalter and Job as models for resilience. Dr. Paul K.-K. Cho is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Writing from Our Hearts—Connecting Our Souls** | A contemplative writing experience with Amey Upton and Terry Wilson | Join us as we use the sacred practice of writing to explore our innermost thoughts and feelings. Give yourself space to write without a destination—listen to your inner voice as you safely explore the writer buried deep within. We'll try different techniques and methods to guide us to trust ourselves and use the practice of writing to penetrate our own life. The more you do it, the better you get! Mondays, May 27–June 24, 10 AM-12 PM. Limited to 12 participants. Register online at [wpc-alex.org/adult](http://wpc-alex.org/adult).

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES** (Nursery–5<sup>th</sup> Grade) [wpc-alex.org/families](http://wpc-alex.org/families)  
Contact Director of Children's Ministry Patty Chamberlain.

**Sunday, April 28** | Children are invited to join Miss Patty and Miss Kay (Sidamed) for a special class on the Resurrection and yoga! 9:45 AM.

**Sunday, May 5** | Whole Family Creation Station: Cents-Ability. Learn about Cents-Ability and the programs that benefit from our offerings. This will be the last Creation Station (Sunday school) of the school year!

**Sunday, May 12** | No Creation Station or Children and Worship because of the Family Retreat.

**Sunday, May 19** | Rising Kindergarten families, come to the third floor at 9:45 AM to learn about the opportunities for your child for next year! We will discuss Creation Station, Whole Family, Children and Worship, and the children's choirs.

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



### **Women's Friendship Tea**

Sunday, May 5 at 4 PM

Enjoy a proper afternoon tea (complete with homemade scones!) and get to know other women in the church. Bring a friend along for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and friendship! RSVP by April 24 at [wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women](http://wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women).

## **FLYING SOLO SINGLES** (50's and above) [wpc-alex.org/flying-solo](http://wpc-alex.org/flying-solo)

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

**Easter Dinner** | Sunday, April 21 at the home of Judy Curtis. Gather after worship, eat about 2 PM. \$5-10 donation. Let Judy know if you'd rather cook something to share. RSVP to Judy for numbers, food, directions, etc.

**Book Group** | Monday, April 22 | *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. 7 PM at the home of Cindy Smith. Optional snacks with a Russian flare!

**“Enduring Ideals: Rockwell, Roosevelt & the Four Freedoms”** exhibit at the GW/Textile Museum in DC | Saturday, April 27 | See Rockwell masterpiece paintings inspired by the famous FDR speech. 9:15 AM: Meet at church to carpool/metro. 10:30 AM: Brunch at Tonic Restaurant. 12 PM: Group tour of exhibit. RSVP to Nancy Hall Berens ASAP. Tonic and GWU museum located at 21st & G Streets NW. \$8 plus brunch and metro.

**Christ-centered Chair Yoga** | Monday, April 29 at 7:15 PM. Stretch body, mind, and spirit!

## **OUTSIDERS** [wpc-alex.org/congregational-life](http://wpc-alex.org/congregational-life)

RSVP to Kera Winburn at [outsiders@wpc-alex.org](mailto:outsiders@wpc-alex.org)

**Hiking at Manassas National Battlefield Park** | Saturday, May 18 | 8 AM – 2 PM  
Walk the 5-mile loop, wander the trails, tour historical homes, or explore the exhibits at the Visitor's Center. Pack a lunch and bring water, sunscreen, hat, and bug spray. Meet at the church to leave on the bus by 8 AM. Cost: admission to park is free, few dollars donation for the bus. RSVP required to Kera Winburn.

## **ROADSTERS** (Boomers and Beyond) [wpc-alex.org/roadsters](http://wpc-alex.org/roadsters)

RSVP with Nancy Hall Berens, Director or with the church office.

**Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit at Brookside Gardens** in Wheaton, Maryland | Monday, April 22 | Be surrounded by hundreds of brilliant butterflies soaring among colorful flowers looking for nectar. Learn about the important role butterflies play in healthy ecosystems, and how to ensure these beautiful insects thrive in our own gardens. Leave on church bus at 9:30 AM and return around 2:30 or 3 PM. Bring a bag lunch (water and coolers provided)! Let Nancy know if you need a sandwich (some can be made available). \$13 for bus and exhibit. RSVP.

**Little Theatre of Alexandria’s “The Savannah Disputation”** | Thursday, April 25 | arrive for ticket 7:30-7:45, performance at 8 PM | Two odd-couple sisters in their proper Southern home quickly lose their charm when a young door-to-door evangelist comes knocking to save their souls. This theological comedy with a twist blends the sharpness of wit with the depth of character while telling a story of a crisis of faith. RSVP.

## **WOMEN** [wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women](http://wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women)

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director or [pw@wpc-alex.org](mailto:pw@wpc-alex.org)

**Book Groups** | *Girl in the Garden* by Kamala Nair. Monday, April 29 at 11:00 AM or 7:30 PM in the Johnson Parlor (please note: 5th Monday).

**Spring Gathering and Business Meeting (Presbyterian Women of National Capital Presbytery)** | Saturday, April 27, 8:30 AM – 12 PM at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church. Program focus on Racial Equity Communication. Info brochure online.

### **Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering (Synod of the Mid-Atlantic)**

June 6-9 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg VA. Gathering theme is “God’s Love Carved in Stone.” Come get a preview of next year’s Bible study of the same theme, and participate in invigorating worship, illuminating workshops, and warm fellowship. Info brochure online.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

*Some weekly activities not listed. For full list of events, visit [wpc-alex.org](http://wpc-alex.org); select “Calendar.”*

### Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Congregational Potluck Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Donkey Processional	Grounds
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Mental Health Small Group	Haverkamp

### Monday, April 15

Preschool Spring Break Begins

7:15 PM	Women’s Shanghai	Haverkamp Room
7:45 PM	AA Del Ray Hill Group	Room 103/105

### Tuesday, April 16

10:15 AM	Meals on Wheels	Offsite
7:30 PM	Hannah Circle	Johnson Parlor

### Wednesday, April 17

9:30 AM	Bag Lunch	Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Administration & Finance	Westminster Room

**Thursday, April 18—Maundy Thursday**

6:30 PM	ACA Double Winners Group	Room 103/105
7:00 PM	ACA Bradlee Group	Johnson Parlor
7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
8:00 PM	AA Back to Basics Group	Room 103/105

**Friday, April 19—Good Friday**

**Office Closes at 1 PM**

9:30 AM	Bag Lunch	Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 20**

9:00 AM	AA Women's Primary Purpose Group	Room 103/105
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**Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday**

8:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary