



Worship Bulletin and Herndon UMC News April 13, 2025

You are welcome here! This church is made up of people of all kinds. You'll hear music, words, prayers, laughter, and silence. Take it all in, participate in ways that make sense for you, and know that however you come and whoever you are, you are loved by God. Please introduce yourself to those around you or at welcome@herndonumc.org.

DISCOVER HERNDON IS TODAY! If you would like to get better connected at Herndon UMC, join us for lunch at Mission BBQ in Herndon at 11:30am.

DONATE EASTER FLOWERS (\$25 suggested) in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. Help provide flowers and support brass music at Easter. By 4/15, contact the office, office@herndonumc.org or go to bit.ly/flowers2025easter. Plants may be picked up after Easter worship.

BRASS PLAYERS WANTED. If you know a high school aged brass musician who would be willing to play in worship on Easter morning, please have them contact Melissa Chavez, melissa@herndonumc.org.

WAY OF THE CROSS is a self-paced, prayer walk that follows Jesus through Holy Week. This creative, sensory experience has been given a refresh so save 30-45 minutes to come and experience Jesus in a new way. Wednesday or Thursday (4/16 & 17) evening, 5-7 pm. All ages welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY (4/18) offers two opportunities. All are invited to join Pastor Pam on Zoom for a short breath prayer at Noon. Contact the office to get the Zoom link. At 7:30 pm, all are welcome to a Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary and on YouTube.

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CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & CRAFTS (4/19) from 2:30–4:30pm.

Join us for an afternoon of joy, creativity, and community as we prepare our hearts for Easter! Volunteers are needed. If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please contact Jomo, jomo@herndonumc.org

EASTER VIGIL ON SATURDAY (4/19) EVENING at 5:30pm is a family-friendly opportunity to worship outside by the fire and share stories and songs of faith. Grilled burgers and dogs will be available before the service, so bring a chair, come hang out and enjoy the fellowship fireside.

EASTER MORNING offers two opportunities for worship. At 6:15am, bring a chair and maybe a blanket to sit by the flower cross for this sunrise worship service. At 10am, worship in the Sanctuary or on YouTube for the Easter worship celebration. Bring a flower to help beautify the flower cross.

Learn more about Holy Week at herndonumc.org/lent-easter.

SAVE THE DATE 4/23 FOR APRIL'S WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP DINNER.

This western-themed dinner is on the 4th Wednesday to avoid conflicts in Holy Week. The Naomi Ruth Circle is providing dinner as a fundraiser for their health kits for UMCOR project. After dinner, stick around to learn the Texas two-step and other dances from the local dance school, Latincross.

SERVE SATURDAY, 4/26. Help a local group home with light repairs and painting. Contact nrd@herndonumc.org, or sign up in the usual places.

PRESCHOOL SPRING FAIR, 4/26, 11am to 1pm, offers a chance for fun and fellowship. All proceeds go to benefit the Preschool Scholarship Fund.

LEARN ABOUT VBS AND SUMMER CAMPS at herndonumc.org/summer!
VBS and Ukulele camp registrations and summer internship info is already available and Musical Theatre should have information posting soon!

Get the latest news in the Herndon UMC app or herndonumc.org, under News, select Weekly eNews. Sign up for emails at bit.ly/HerndonEmails.

Worship—10 AM

Gathering Music | *Hosanna Filii David* | Jeanne Demessieux | Played by Christopher Simon

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Processional | *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* | UMH 278 | led by Christopher Simon and Melissa Chavez

[V. 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.**

[V. 2] **From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor 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.**

[V. 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!**

Call to Worship | Rev. SeongJae Jo

[One] On this day, Jesus marched

[All] **in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

[One] On this day, Jesus marched

**[All] in between what had been and what could be.
So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our
coats in that messy middle. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in between!**

**Opening Song | *All Glory Laud and Honor* | UMH 280 | led by Christopher
Simon and Melissa Chavez**

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

**[V. 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]**

**[V. 2] The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]**

**[V. 3] The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]**

**[V. 4] To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]**

[V. 5] Thou didst accept their praises;

**accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]**

Call to Confession and Opening Prayer | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.
We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.
We tell the truth of our lives.
We lay it all out before God.
But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.
In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

**Great Creator, forgive me
when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

**Creator God, forgive me
when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**

**Creator God, forgive me
when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me.
Create in me a heart like yours.
Amen.**

Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,

whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time,
whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,
God listens to you.

God is merciful.

God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!

Amen.

Kids Sing | *You Forgive Me* | GroupMusic | KIDS Club Kids

Passing of the Peace | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Prayer of Illumination | JoAnn Whitner

Join me in our prayer for illumination

Speaking God,

Most days we are inundated with noise.

Some of it is good—

laughter, music, storytelling.

Some of it is hard—

**arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes. Every day we live
between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise.**

So in the midst of this messy middle,

help us to hear what is yours.

Help us to hear your song,

your story, your good news.

**Help us to hear your voice,
your Spirit, your will.
And show us how to release the rest.
We are listening.
Amen.**

Scripture | Luke 19:29-40 NIV | Joan Whitner

As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

[Choir] "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied,

[All] "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

**[All] "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,

[Choir] "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem | *Hosanna!* | by Craig Courtney | Wesley Choir

Message | Rev. Pam Bentley

Invitation to Giving | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Offertory | *The Psalms* | Faure | Isabella Umberger, soprano, Christopher Simon, organ

Doxology | *Lenten Doxology* | Old Hundredth | led by Christopher Simon and Melissa Chavez

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and Lord's Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Song | *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* | UMH 295 | led by Christopher Simon and Melissa Chavez

**[V.1] In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story**

gathers round its head sublime.

**[V.2] When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**[V.3] When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.**

**[V.4] Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

**[V.5] In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

Benediction | Rev. Pam Bentley

Leaving Music | *Organ Voluntary 1* | John Stanley | Played by Christopher Simon