

**March 24, 2013
Palm Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Lent
10:45 a.m.**

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*It is a bright and glorious day when
love turned into courage and integrity and
became a small parade headed for the gallows.*

GATHER

Prelude

Parade of Palms and Song of Praise

A Declaration for Worship

*A Processional Hymn #227 *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

*Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Wonderful God, we are not always ready to celebrate. We feel the hunger, pain and loss that fill the world. We do not want to risk bringing more of it on ourselves. Can't you have a parade without us? Yet, O God, we know too well how lonely we feel when we avoid the fullness of life you offer for the journey. So raise us to our feet, to walk with Jesus, letting our praise be our palms and your companionship our joy. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace for the Journey

WORD

The Psalm for the Day	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p.492)
The Epistle Text	Philippians 2:5-11 (p.954)
*The Palm Sunday Gospel	Luke 19:29-40 (p.854)
The Word of the Lord	
<i>Thanks be to God!</i>	

Time for Children

*Hymn 228 *"Hosanna, Laud Hosanna"* ELLACOMBE
*Using "Procession and Hymn for Palm Sunday" by Craig Courtney
v.1 sung by children; v.2 & 3 stand and sing when directed*

Sermon *So Much Riding on the Journey* Arthur Nelson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

The Mission of the Church and Our Life Together

Offertory

*Response (tune 269)

Let all God's creatures rise and bring

***their grateful honors to our King;
His kingdom reign from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.***

*Prayer of Presentation

*Hymn (insert)

"Ride On, Ride On, O Savior King"

SENDING FORTH

*Sending Thoughts

*Benediction

***God,
Companion of the lonely,
Binder of wounds,
Seeker of lost souls,
Friend of the poor,
Source of all that is,
Forgiver of sins,
Voice of the voiceless,
Counselor of the confused,
Shelter from the storm,
Creator of heaven and earth,
Bless and keep us close to Jesus these holy days and always.
Amen.***

*Tolling

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Our thanks to Kurt and Mary Beth Kovacic, sanctuary greeters, Hal Jenkins, Thom Morris, LeRoy Nelson, Carla Spellman, Marty Spellman, ushers; Sue and Dwight Samuelson and Sue Kelly, coffee hosts;

The chancel flowers are given by Dwight and Susan Samuelson with gratitude and thankfulness for miracles and healing (March 21, 2009).

WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
March 31, 2013—EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome!

Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

- 8:30-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast. All are invited to attend. Proceeds from the breakfast will help support this summer's mission trip to Covenant Mountain Mission in Virginia.
- 10:45 a.m. Worship. Prelude music will begin at 10:30 a.m.
Family Promise arrives
Confirmation and High League will not be meeting this week.

TUESDAY—APRIL 2

- Women's Bible Study will not be meeting this week, and will resume on Tuesday, April 9.
- 9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson.
- 7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. All Boards and Committees meet. (Trustees will be meeting on the 9th this month). Gather first in the sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY—APRIL 3

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Music—for children age 4 through third grade
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner. All are welcome. Cost: \$3.50/adult; \$2.50/child or \$10/family.
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Singing, Skits and Scripture in the Upper Room. All are welcome.
- 6:45 p.m. Programs for all ages, ending at 7:45 p.m. Explorers (ages 2-3); Voyagers (ages 4-kindergarten); Pathfinders (grades 1-2); Trailblazers (grades 3-5); Junior High
- 6:45 p.m. Life & Faith Conversations. Topic: Job and Our Life Questions
- 6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—APRIL 4

- 12 noon Women's Sharing Group will meet at Corner Bakery. All women are invited to attend. Contact: Marian Eckhardt.
- 1:00 p.m. Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are invited to participate.
- 1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study-We are in the second week of "*Discerning the Voice of God*", by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire Macfarland.

FRIDAY—APRIL 5

- 5:30 p.m. High League Girls and Guys Night Out
- 6:30 p.m. The Marriage Course

SATURDAY—APRIL 6

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship

SUNDAY—APRIL 7

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. Rotation Sunday School: *The Covenant: The Early Church as the Body of Christ*. For adults, *Exploring Covenant Affirmations* will be led by Kurt Peterson in the Upper Room and *The Story* will meet in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 12 noon Junior High Video Scavenger Hunt
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision. Trudy DeWaters—Elderly care and memory issues
- 7:00 p.m. High League

ADVANCE CALENDAR

Fridays, April 5-May 17, 6:30-9 p.m. Second offering of **The Marriage Course**. Sign up on the church website to attend or volunteer to help.

Sunday, April 14. Installation of Christy Bouris during the worship service

Saturday, April 20. **Rummage Sale**. Donations may be dropped off on the stage beginning Monday, April 8.

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. Our church in partnership with the Winnetka Interfaith Council will host a community forum: "**Bullying: The 3 B's, the Bully, the Bullied, the Bystander.**" Presenters are Dr. Linda Yonke, superintendent of New Trier School District and Dr. Mark Smaller, an adult/child psychoanalyst practicing in the area. These experts will offer advice on strategies and prevention in schools as well as on the internet. A time for discussion will follow. This event is open to the community including children and guests. Please consider joining us as we together address this growing problem.

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. Registration deadline: May 1. Questions, contact Jeff Johnson.

NOTICES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Beth Lindahl and family on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Lindahl, on Saturday, March 23 in Connecticut.

Please pick up your copy of the April Network in the narthex today after worship.

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

Our church participates in the "every member subscription plan" for the **Covenant Companion**, meaning that we provide subscriptions to the magazine for each member family at a reduced rate of \$18. We ask families who are able to please reimburse the church for the cost of your subscription. Checks can be made payable to Winnetka Covenant Church with "Covenant Companion" noted on the check and left in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Thank you.

Delegates for the Central Conference Annual meeting needed! This year's meeting will be held in Dolton, Illinois on April 26 & 27. If interested in representing our church in this way, please contact the church office.

Delegates also needed for the Evangelical Covenant Church Annual meeting, held June 27-30 in Detroit, Michigan. Contact the church office.

Struggling through one of life's storms? Consider a Stephen Minister. We're companions, listeners, prayer partners. We're there to walk along side you through the difficult times. And our relationships are strictly confidential. Contact one of our pastors to learn more or to be directed to a Stephen Ministry Leader.

The Story: A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

Texts for next week: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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The Stephen Ministers

*Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,
worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples,
and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

At Winnetka Covenant Church:

We hold grace as our highest value.

We practice honest, open, direct communication.

We speak the truth in love and listen in love.

We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.

We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.