



CROWN OF GLORY

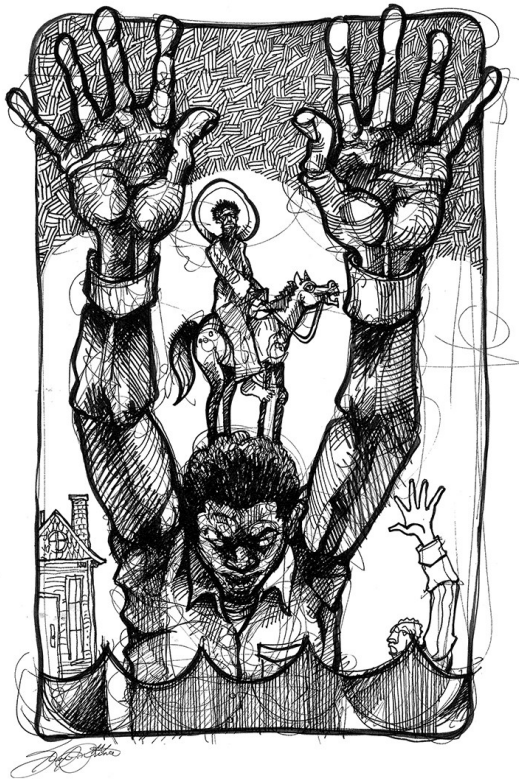
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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*We are one family of God,
inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone,
to serve our neighbors, and to share God's love and saving grace.*



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please gather in the Sun Hall for the Call to Worship and Processional Hymn.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: On this day, Jesus marched

C: **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.**

P: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

C: **So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

P: Hosanna in the highest!

C: **Hosanna in between!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Blessed is the One (ACS 929)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary along with Activity Bags. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- New to Crown of Glory? Welcome! Join us after worship in the Sun Hall for fellowship, coffee, tea, and treats. See a Hospitality volunteer or one of the Pastors with questions.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV Technicians, John Rekow and Tony Sie, to Ginger Larson and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Great Creator, forgive us

C: **when we speak before listening, when we speak over our neighbors, when we speak with barbed words.**

P: Creator God, forgive us

C: **when we listen to society, when we listen to our friends, when we listen to the news, but we do not listen to you.**

P: Creator God, forgive us

C: **when we shout out, but do not shout your name, when we listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive us.**

P: Create in us a heart like yours.

C: **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: 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:

C: **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (ELW 333)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Speaking God,

C: **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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 19:29-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Even if..." (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 343, vs. 1, 3, 5)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: Together, let us confess our faith:

C: **We believe that many years ago a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.**

We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and praying for a better world. We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope, and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.

So we listen for the Spirit. We sing Hosanna. We pay attention. For in between the silence and the song, we believe the Spirit is speaking. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

I Believe This Is Jesus (arr. Patti Drennan)
(Chancel Choir)

The offering will be received in offering plates during worship. To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with the amount that you would like to contribute. To give online, visit our website and click on the *GIVE+Online* icon. We give thanks and praise for all gifts given toward our on-going mission.

OFFERTORY

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (WOV 614)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider,

C: **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

COMMUNION GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Words (Dennis Wallisch)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table! The congregation will be invited by rows to come forward and receive a portion of bread and a cup with either wine or grape-juice (please indicate your preference to your server). All bread is allergen-free. Children who are not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing! If you need to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, Christians Join to Sing (arr. Ian Good) (Ginger Larson)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

P: Generous Host,

C: **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now (ACS 930)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SENDING MUSIC

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now (arr. P.F. Tillen)
(Ginger Larson)

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everything [in] between

shouting & silence

As we enter the holiest week of the church year, we will continue to hear and learn from stories about Jesus as he finishes his journey to the cross as described in the Gospel of Luke. For the services on Palm Weekend, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, we will study a piece of art that depicts the story for that day and take a close look at two apparent opposites to discover where God might be in between them.

This weekend, we hear the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus' quiet presence is a stark contrast to the multitudes gathered who shout their praises to God. Through this story, we learn about the wisdom to know when our voices are needed and when they just add to the noise.

Be sure to take a devotional booklet (located in the display in the Gathering Space) home with you to continue diving deep into this weekend's topic as we learn and journey together into Holy Week and Easter.

Blessed Is the One

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and moving lines.

in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a full rest in the bass staff for the first measure, corresponding to the vocal rest in the lyrics. The music resumes with the same melodic and harmonic patterns.

in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The melody ends with a final chord, and the bass staff concludes with a double bar line and a common time signature.

Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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614 - Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

1. Praise to you, O Christ, our sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther, call - ing us to life:

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. Praise to you, O Christ, our sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther, call - ing us to life:"

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Son of God who leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

The second system of music continues the piece, starting at measure 5. It features the same vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "Son of God who leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!"

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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Announcements

Join Us for a Special Celebration!

We are excited to invite you to join the Justice & Inclusion Team **today** as we celebrate becoming a **RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregation!** To mark this milestone, we will be hanging a special banner in the Sun Hall. As an RIC church, we are committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community for all, including our LGBTQ+ neighbors and friends. Come celebrate with us and enjoy some special treats!

Rummage Sale

The Church Rummage Sale will be May 29, 30, and 31. Donations can be dropped off at Crown of Glory following worship services during the month of May. Volunteers are needed to help set up, work, and clean up the sale. Please reach out to Sarah Morrow at 952-270-3158 or sissybmorrow@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. A few supplies needed are portable clothing racks, hangers and tables. If you have either of those items that can be used, please bring them in during the month of May.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AD2FA2FC1-56210266-rummage>

Cross Wall

Each year we invite members to bring a cross to be included on the Cross Wall just outside the sanctuary. The Cross Wall was started during Lent in 2018 and remains a tradition today. If you have a cross that you would like to be included on the Cross Wall, please drop it off at the church office.

Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard

Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, this board is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 4:55 p.m. on Saturday or 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Lent Cinnamon Rolls: Last Serving Today

Our senior high youth will be serving fresh Cinnamon rolls and OJ following Sunday morning worship service. Cinnamon rolls are a suggested \$2 donation. All proceeds will support the Senior High Mission Trip.

Wednesday Night Dinners:

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per youth or \$16 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Upcoming Menu:

April 16 - No Dinner Holy Week
April 23 - No Dinner - Special Event
April 30 - Brinner

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

No Dinner Holy Week
No Dinner - Special Event
8th Grade Boys

All meals are served with a salad bar, yogurt and granola bar, and fruit.

Sunday Conversations: Today from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Dive into thought-provoking discussion in our adult study group, where we explore a range of biblical themes, social justice issues, and relevant topics. This year, we'll focus on the book *Dialogues: On Race*. Topic of conversation this month: *Two Christianities*

Announcements

Fare for All: April 24 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the CoG Sanctuary

Fare for All is a pop-up grocery store and a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. Fare For All buys fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

Mega Meat Pack- \$25 Produce Pack- \$10 Brunch Box- \$35

April's Hot Buys:

Salmon Fillets - 1.25 lb - \$6

Cornish Hen - 2 lbs - \$5

Upcoming Change:

Due to decreased funds and participation, Fare for All will be ending service at the Crown of Glory location. Their last service date at Crown of Glory is May 22.

Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf

During April we will be collecting donations of spaghetti sauce, pasta, and instant rice. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

VBS Registration is Open!

JULY 28-31
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Cost:

Early Bird Rate
(until June 1, 2025)

\$55/camper
(includes lunch & snacks)

Register online on Crown of Glory's website, crownofglory.org, hover over the word Ministry, and click on VBS Registration.

Contact Gretchen Mitcham, gretchen@crownofglory.org, with any questions.



Camp Wapo Summer Camp Opportunities

Does the sunshine have you dreaming about summer camp?

In the past few years, kids from Crown of Glory have enjoyed attending Camp Wapogasset, aka Wapo, located in Amery, WI. You can learn more about the camp and the options on this website: <https://lakewapo.org/sites/camp-wapo/>. They offer a weekend camp called "Wapo Seeds" for kids currently in grades 1-3. There is a Sunday - Friday option for kids currently in grades 4-9. The Wapo staff is encouraging us to consider the weeks for July 20-25 or August 3-8 if Crown of Glory kids are wanting to attend as a group. Please reach out to Gretchen if you have any questions!

Holy Week Worship Schedule:



everything
[in] between
shouting & silence

Palm Sunday: April 13, 9:00 a.m.
In Person & Livestream



everything
[in] between
power & humility

Maundy Thursday: April 17, 6:30 p.m.
In Person & Livestream
First Communion



everything
[in] between
acceptance & resistance

Good Friday Cantata: April 18, 6:30 p.m.
In Person & Livestream



everything
[in] between

Holy Saturday Taizé: April 19, 5:00 p.m.
In Person



Easter Sunrise Service: April 20, 6:30 a.m.
at Chaska Moravian



everything
[in] between
grief & hope

Easter Sunday: April 20,
8:30 a.m.
In Person & Livestream
&
10:30 a.m.
In Person



Easter Egg Hunt: April 20, 9:45 a.m.



SABBATICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Laura is going on Sabbatical!

Beginning April 24, 2025, I will be taking a three-month sabbatical for rest, renewal, study, and writing. I am grateful for this congregation's support and invite your prayers during this time!

Amid some time off and respite at home and enjoying time with my family, I will be focusing portions of my sabbatical on the intersection between music and creation rooted in several experiences: hiking a section of the Dingle Way in Ireland, singing with the Crown of Glory choral ensemble at Carnegie Hall in the urban jungle of New York City, visiting Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon while learning about the Native American communities in Arizona, and participating in the music and work of the church as a voting member at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona.

I give thanks for the support of my colleague, Pastor Reggie, and for the Crown of Glory Staff as they cover and share my responsibilities during the time that I am gone. Just as I invite your prayers for my sabbatical time, I will also be holding you, Crown of Glory, in my prayers throughout the three months that we are apart.

I look forward to returning to worship on August 10, 2025 renewed, refreshed, and ready for another program year of ministry together!

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

Financial Update: New Location!

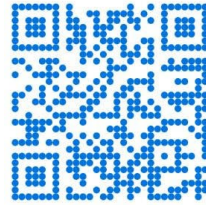
Financial Reports

Copies of Financial Reports can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson.

Ways to Give at Crown of Glory



To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to.



Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Online: thrivent.com/thriventchoice

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

Contact: Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3

pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Scan the Code:



**Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by
March 31, 2025.**



Charitable Giving Information

Investment groups have great information on tax savings that help you give more to charitable causes and could save you money overall. Win/win! Check out this link for ideas (disclaimer, we do not give tax advice, simply serving up ideas for your review with your tax advisor).

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/charitable-tax-strategies.html>

Church Council



Mikel Jones (President), Eric Larson (Vice President), Sherri Eriksrud (Secretary), Bob Chinnock, Deb Mangen, Kate Peterson, Kristi Kirsch, Chad LaGow, Bill Tyler, Pastor Laura Laughlin, and Pastor Reggie Klindworth

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Worship Schedule (Program Year): Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

