

L: We thank you, compassionate God, that your light still shines in the darkness and that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are our God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God, revive and restore your people;  
**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! All praise and thanks to you, O God. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**COMMUNION HYMN: VU 468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

#### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

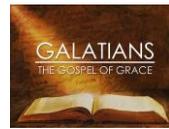
**CLOSING HYMN: VU 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection**

#### COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

L: Go forth in the assurance that there is nothing that can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. Go and share that love with all you meet, ready to face whatever comes your way. We willing to lay down your concerns before Jesus, knowing that He desires your peace. And may the Lord strengthen you, with ample power to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience and joy.

**ALL: Amen.**

**CHORAL BLESSING: (Sung together)**  
**Go now in peace never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. ccli#262153**



**Completing the New Testament:  
Week of April 9, 2017  
Galatians 1-3**



**OFFICE HOURS  
Tuesday – Thursday  
1:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm**

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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**April 9, 2017  
10:30 am**



**MINISTER  
Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS  
Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

**We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
PALM SUNDAY  
April 9, 2017**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

Procession with Hydrangeas

**INTRIOT:**

*Palm Sunday Processional*

by Anna Laura Page

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

LEADER: Jesus is coming.

**PEOPLE: Hosanna!**

LEADER: He comes to us riding on a donkey.

**PEOPLE: Hosanna!**

LEADER: Open wide the gates!

**PEOPLE: Hosanna!**

LEADER: Let us welcome him with the branches

**PEOPLE: Hosanna!**

LEADER: Jesus is coming

**PEOPLE: Hosanna to the King of kings**

**OPENING HYMN – VU 345 Come,**

Children, Join to Sing

**OPENING PRAYER:**

L: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed

Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

**ALL: Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU 376 Spirit of the Living God** (Children come forward during singing. We sing verses 1 and 2)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP:**

Aidan Wallace Brooks

**Congregation's Response (when prompted during ceremony):** With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that both children and parents are surrounded by steadfast love, that they may be established in the faith and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

**Congregation's Response (when prompted during ceremony):** *We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- The New Creed (On back of communion insert)**

**RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

*Congregational response (when prompted during ceremony): As brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We commit our love and support and with God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.*

VU 662 Lead Me, God (**Children will greet Aidan and leave for Sunday School**)

**THE OFFERTORY:** VU 127 "Ride on! Ride on in majesty!"

**OFFERTORY DEDICATION**

**ALL: If we want to know you, Generous God, we must see you in those all around us. If we want to serve you, we must give our material resources, so that blessings of hope and life might be offered to the needy, the lonely, the hungry all around us. Receive our gifts, we pray, so that others might be transformed even as we are. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**PREPARING TO LISTEN – VU 840b (Refrain 5 – Your Word is a lamp)**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Matthew 21:1-11 The Palms

Matthew 27:1-2,11-54 The Passion

**ANTHEM:** "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris

**THE MESSAGE:** What's In It For Me?

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU617 I**

Love You God, Who Heard My Cry

L: Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty and yet the world is often so much less than you would have it be. But in your grace you restore and renew all situations. Hear us as we bring to you our concerns and pray for your redeeming power to be at work in our lives and in your world. We pray that wherever people are crippled by the powers of poverty, sickness, or grief you will touch their pain and restore them; Lord in your mercy;

**P: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray that wherever people burdened by the weight of the consequences of war, greed, hostility or jealousy you will lift their burden and restore them; Lord in your mercy;

**P: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray that where people challenge regimes and relationships marked by tyranny, domination, and brutality you will liberate all souls and restore them; Lord in your mercy;

**P: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray that where people are persecuted because of their race or creed or for the truth that they tell; and where people are not treated with respect or decency you will rescue them and restore them; Lord in your mercy;

**P: Hear our prayer.**

L: Hear us as we pray to you for those situations close to our hearts; in grace hear our prayers and restore all things. May prayer is ...



### SAVE THE DATE!

Event: Mother/Daughter Banquet  
Date: Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$15.00  
More details to follow!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.**



### NAME TAGS

As next Sunday is Easter, we may have guests and visitors for our service. Please wear your **name tags** for the service and coffee time. If you don't have one and would like one, please sign the paper in the entrance way or see **Barb Chandler** after the service today.



God Bless  
**Aidan Wallace Brooks**  
as he receives the Sacrament of Confirmation & Reception into Full Membership.



## RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Rummage sale is **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

Bill & I will be available on **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00pm – 9:00pm to accept donations of gently used items.

Help is especially needed for set up on Friday between 9am – noon and for clean-up /removal of items to the Salvation Army on Saturday.

We know we can count on your continued support to make this another successful sale.

Hope to see you on Friday or Saturday or both!!!  
Michele McGregor

## REMINDER!

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Sunday & Easter Cantata

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
Spring Rummage Sale (8am-1pm)

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**  
Downtown Mission Sunday  
Queen of the Kitchen