

Church Calendar

Monday, April 3, 2023

8:00 p.m. - to 9:00 p.m. AL-Anon

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - El Nido Family Centers
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Pacific Discussions (AA)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - AA Group

Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - AA Group

Friday, April 7, 2023

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Al-Anon Women (Farsi)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - AA Group

Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Zumba Class-CH
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - El Nido Family Centers
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Resurrection/Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - In-Sanctuary Service & Live Streaming

11:30 p.m. - Easter Brunch Fellowship

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Bishop in Residence

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
North District, Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp
Pastor

Jacqueline Tringov
Music Director

Evelyn Arnold
Administrative Assistant

St. Paul's - Leadership Team

Diana Bruno - Administrative Chair/ Lay leader to Conference
Deborah Davies - Staff Parish Relations Chair
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St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Tarzana



«BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD»

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST»

MATTHEW 21:9

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!

Our Mission is to be: The Beacon of the Valley

Lighting 'The Way' of Jesus

Growing Disciples and Community in God's Love and

Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into the World

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 *When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."* ⁴ *This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:*

⁵ *"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

⁶ *The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,*

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

¹⁰ *When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

PALM SUNDAY READINGS: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

PASSION SUNDAY READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 (27:11-54)

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

Liturgist: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them' and he will send them immediately."

People: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Liturgist: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

(Gong sounds)

Reader 1: *(from the back)*

Linda Graul

Open the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to God.

Reader 2: *(from the back)*

Deborah Davies

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

Readers 1 & 2:

Linda Graul and Deborah Davies

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Music Selection

"You Are My Strength"

(Call to Worship, Continued)

(Gong sounds)

Reader 3:

Nia Stephens

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All Readers: *(from around the congregation, randomly, overlapping each other)*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

(Gong sounds)

Reader 4:
O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.

Melanie Sanchez

Reader 5:
The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and that followed him were shouting:

Celine Ella

People: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Reader 6:
The Lord is God, and God has given us light. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Tuli Taufahema

People: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever!

All Readers: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**Praise Song

“Oh Give Thanks”

(Please stand and wave your palms from your seats. The children march with palms, led by banners, and ribbons on sticks, whatever makes a colorful and festive entrance.)

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

Yes, He is good.

(4x)

For He is worthy, worthy, for He is good.

Yes, He is good.

Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH #278

Opening Prayer
Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips but may follow him in the way of the cross.

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema





*St. Paul's UMC -Tarzana
Announcements*

Altar Flowers

*This week's flowers were graciously provided by Ada Porter,
and are dedicated to Nia Stephens and Kiya Washington.*

Holy Week Services

Please mark your calendar for our Holy Week services:

***Good Friday (4/7), at 12 noon
Resurrection Sunday (4/9), at 10 a.m.***

Easter Brunch Fellowship

*The hospitality committee will host an Easter brunch following our
Resurrection Sunday's worship service on April 9. Please sign up on the
bulletin board in the Narthex and include the number of people attending.*

Easter Egg Hunt

*If your child would like to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt, please sign up
on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*

Easter Lilies

*If you would like to purchase an Easter lily for \$15 in honor of a loved one,
please contact the Church Office at 818-708-7068 to place in your order.*

Are there any other announcements?

Music Selection

"You Deserve It"

*My hallelujah belongs to you (4x)
You deserve it (4x)
All of the glory belongs to you (4x)
You deserve it (4x)*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

L: Hear this good news! The procession is ever moving forward. We can join at any moment. The invitation still stands! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

Music Selection

"Way Maker"

Pastoral Prayer

****Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

L: Our God helps us!

P: We stand up together.

L: Our God is gracious.

P: We put our trust in the Lord.

L: God's face shines upon us.

P: We find salvation in God's steadfast love. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Song of Preparation

“Twelve Gates to the City”

Sermon

“Palms, Passion, Praise, and Price”

Pastor Vernon Kemp

****Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship**

(Please stand if able. If you need prayer, you are welcome to kneel at the altar and a prayer warrior will pray with you. Let us utilize this time to pray for ourselves and others.)

Communion

UMH #13-15

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

(You are now welcome to bring your gifts and offerings to support our ministries.)

****Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

****Offertory Prayer**

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

Name above all names, as you emptied yourself for others, we offer ourselves and these gifts as a sign of our hope in your reign. Where there is death, bring life. Where there is sorrow, bring joy. Where there is injustice, bring courage for change. **Amen.**

Ritual of Passion (Matthew 27:11-54)

Maduka Nkuku

(As the Matthew text is read, and you hear the soft meditative music underneath, you are invited to bring your palm branches to the chancel and lay them on the steps or altar where they will wither throughout Holy Week. This a move from our triumphal entry with the waving of palms to a much more somber mood as the week progresses.)

Announcements

Liturgist, Destiny Taufahema

****Benediction**

“Truly this man Jesus was God’s Son.” As disciples of Jesus, truly you are God’s children. Go into this week with the knowledge that resurrection will come, even when it seems there is no tomorrow. Be blessed and be a blessing, with the courage to stand with those in need. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

****Closing Song**

“Let the Church Say Amen”

Let the church say Amen. (2x)

God has spoken. Let the church say Amen.

