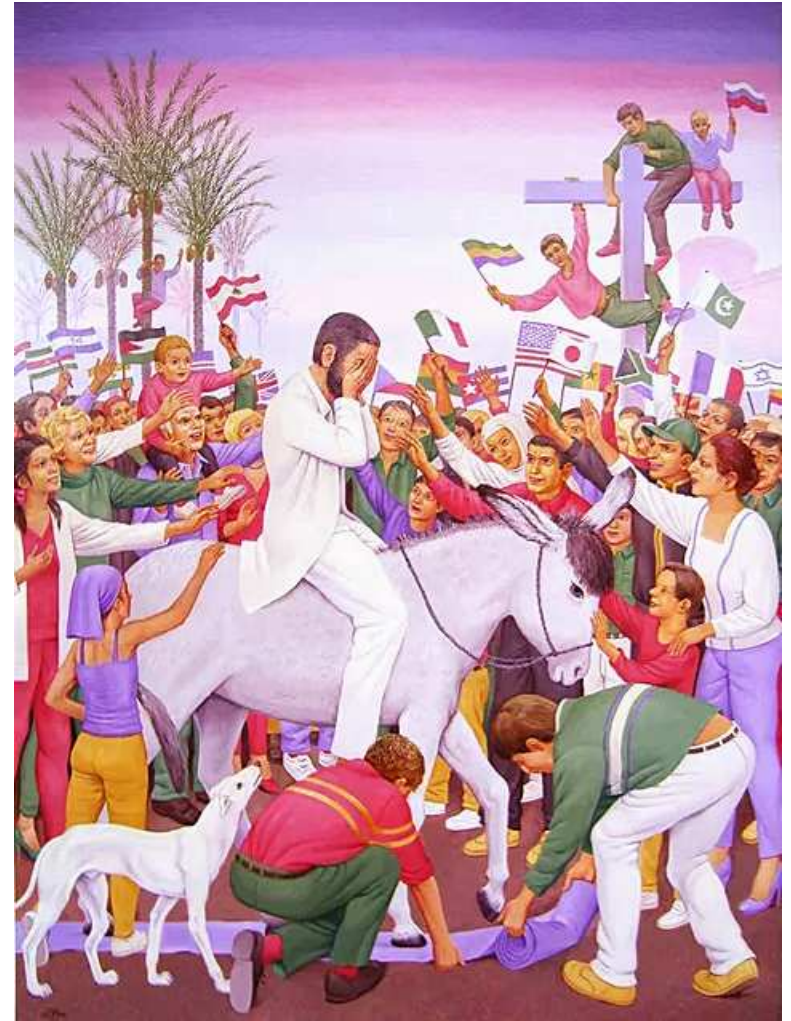


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*Called to worship*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Palm Sunday*

**April 2, 2023**

**10:30 A.M.**

## ***Preludes***

“Hosanna! Hosanna!” ~ *Rex Koury*

“The Palms” ~ *arr. Dorothy Wells*

“The Gates of Jerusalem” ~ *David Paxton*

## **We Gather**

Opening Song

All glory, laud and honor

*Chimin' In*

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise

Hosanna, loud hosanna

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Ride on, ride on

#239

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer of Confession

Song

You are my King (Amazing love)

## **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Worship Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Chimin' In*

Message

Who is Jesus?

*Pastor Michael*

## **We Respond**

Song

What kind of king

Offering

“Hosanna to the King!” ~ *Gene Clark*

Testimony

*Emily Rush*

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song

What wondrous love is this

#530

Benediction

Screen

Postlude

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” ~ *arr. J. Koerts*

## **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:**

Les Rice

**Greeter:**

Denny & Jan Wieand

**Organist:**

Joan Hallman

**Musicians:**

Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush

**Videographer:**

Mark Kemmerer

**Visual Technicians:**

Marsha High, Emily Rush

**Sound Technicians:**

Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

## **Sunday School Classes for Spring Quarter**

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am. We are working our way through the Epistles. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

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### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**Ministry Team,** Randy Rush

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Stewardship,** vacant

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network Request:** With only a month left to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people in your community who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.



*Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.*

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

*April 2, 2023*

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

### Calendar

Apr. 4, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Apr. 6, 6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 9, 7 am	Easter Dawn Service
Apr. 11, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Apr. 11, 7 pm	Community Commission

### Prayer for Holy Week:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in this sacred and solemn week  
when we see again the depth and mystery  
of your redeeming love,  
help us to follow where you go,  
to stop where you stumble,  
to listen when you cry,  
to hurt as you suffer,  
to bow our heads in sorrow when you die,  
so that when you are raised to life again  
we may share your endless joy.  
AMEN

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

We are looking forward to hosting the **Easter Dawn service** with Swamp church this year! As hosts we will provide a light breakfast following the service. Please consider volunteering to bring a breakfast item, listed on the sign up sheet on the Fellowship room bulletin board. Thank you.

**Special Easter Sunday School Class:** Join us after breakfast (@9 am) in the fellowship hall for a discussion on the wider implications of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Did the early church see things differently than we do today?

**Maundy Thursday Service:** Join us **Apr. 6, 6:30 pm** for a simple soup meal, followed by a service of scripture, song, prayer and communion.

The next **service day trip to Ten Thousand Villages** in Brownstown is on **Thursday, Apr. 20**. We serve by pricing and packaging arts & crafts for display and sale in Ten Thousand Villages stores, which helps third world artisans earn a living. A sign-up sheet for the Apr. 20 trip is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by Sunday, Apr. 16. If you have questions about these trips, contact Les Rice.

**Senior Luncheon, Apr 20:** All those 60+ are invited; please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are planning to attend.

If you are a **Sunday Morning Greeter**, or would like to be, please meet in the Fellowship Hall following the **April 16** service for a few friendly reminders and instructions.

**Nursery Duty Meeting, Apr. 23:** DISCO will have an interest and information meeting for volunteers willing to help with nursery duty. Volunteers will also be able to update their clearances at this time to be compliant with Child Safety protocol. If you have current clearances, within 5 years, please bring a copy for us to keep on file.

**Ripple Partner Appreciation Day:** Ripple Church has invited West Swamp folks to come for the annual Partner Appreciation Day activities on Apr. 30, 4 pm at Ripple Church (1421 Turner St, Allentown), as a "thank you" to partners who have supported Ripple through prayers, meals, hygiene items, work days, and financial contributions. The event will include worship and eating together as well as updates about Ripple's Building Campaign. Please let us know by Apr. 16 that you are planning to come; sign-up on the Mission bulletin board or email Karen Parzych, karen8813@gmail.com. Contact Rod Rush, arushjob@verison.net, if you would like to carpool from West Swamp Church to Ripple.

**Just a reminder:** If you are the last to leave the church building, please be sure that both doors are locked and latched. Thank you.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **MCC Material Resource Center** in Harleysville, PA, especially on March 27, 28, and 29 for the **MCC Meat Canner**. The canned meat is shared with those around the world who experience war, weather disasters, poverty, famine, and other emergency situations. If you are interested in volunteering for the MCC Meat Canner, call the Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074.

Camp Men-O-Lan's **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 am-4:30 pm. This special day is designed to refresh and renew in your spirit as you look into 'The Heart', based on Ezekiel 36:26, with guest speaker Dawn Mast. The day includes a continental breakfast, worship, teaching, sharing, lunch, free time and much more. Find details and registration info at menolan.org.

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30. (Thursday, Lynne will be working from home in the morning while she bakes bread for the Maundy Thursday meal.)