

SUNDAY WORSHIP THEMES & SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR APRIL

April 2: Matthew 21:1-11 and Matthew 23:1-7, 11-15, 23-30

Palm/Passion Sunday and Communion Sunday

We begin with a parade and the glad shouts from the crowd, but quickly move toward anger, resentment and betrayal; we find our praise confused with sorrow and our hope mixed up in tragedy.

April 9: Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday, Chancel Choir and Easter Brass at 8:00 & 10:00 Services

Everything had felt so lost on Good Friday, but on Easter morning we find a joy that surprises us and invites us to look anew at the world and ourselves.

April 16: Acts 2:12a, 22-32 and John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter with Handbell Choir at 10:00

After the joyful surprise of Easter, we are invited to push through locked doors and boundaries that had held us captive to take the good news of new life in our own hands and are encouraged to look to find good news everywhere we look.

April 23: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and Luke 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter with Family Service and Children's Choir at 10:00

As Jesus breaks bread with companions on the road to Emmaus, we are inspired to open our hearts to new life in Christ.

April 30: Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Church School Sunday

Comforted by the image of the shepherd that protects, leads and feeds as well as the example of Tabitha's loving service and kindness, we consider how everyday acts of love, compassion, and kindness have the power to lift people to life.

