OUR RECONCILING STATEMENT

(Approved February 17, 2019)

Inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all can experience God's life-giving love.

Echo Park United Methodist Church is a faith community seeking to live in joyous response to the love of God in Christ.

We are people of Christ's new creation called to be ministers of reconciliation.

We are not always of the same mind, but we seek to be of the same Spirit, reaching out in unconditional love to let others know that there is a place of reconciliation: "There is a Balm in Gilead."

We share the Gospel and Spirit of Jesus Christ and open our community to all, especially to those who are hurt or have been left out because of racial differences, ethnic origin, gender identity, legal or immigration status, language, sexual orientation, disability, all who have suffered abuse or abandonment by society, or even by the church.



We invite you to make ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH your spiritual home as together we celebrate being a reconciling and inclusive ministry. We strive to love as Jesus loved, welcoming all people and excluding no one. It takes open hearts, open minds and open doors to make a place of real equality, respect, justice and peace. It takes people loving people to make God's reign a reality.

ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation

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Pastor: Rev. Frank Wulf + Music Director: Mina Rhee

PALM + PASSION SUNDAY

The 6th Sunday in Lent

April 10, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Echo Park United Methodist Church A Reconciling Congregation



We are a church of open hearts, open minds and open doors. We welcome you to worship here just as you are!

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Passion: Crucifixion" — Mina Rhee

Music: W. Stickles

*PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS – Gather at the Vons parking lot

(Those who will not be processing are invited to be seated in the Sanctuary)

Words of Welcome – Pastor Frank Wulf

Reading from the Scriptures— Read in Spanish and English
"Jesus Prepares to Enter Jerusalem" (Luke 19:28-35 – NRSV)

Pastor:

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 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.

* INDICATES: PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT AS YOU PREFER.

Procession with Palms

All are invited to process along Alvarado Street to the church building, led by the Pastors and the Children.

Processional Song

"Hosana al hijo de David"

- In unison

Words + Music: Carlos Rosas

¡Hosana, Hosana al hijo de David! ¡Hosana, Hosana al hijo de David!

Bendito el que viene_en el nombre del Señor con todas sus fuerzas lo diga nuestra voz.

¡En las alturas, Hosana! ¡En las alturas, Hosana!

After the Procession has entered, the Pastor leads the Call to Worship from the back of the Sanctuary.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Responsively

by B.J. Beu – Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

Pastor:

Our king has come riding on a donkey instead.

The Community:

Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor:

Our savior has come waving palms and cheers of praise.

The Community:

Shout alleluia!

Pastor:

Jesus has come to show us the greatness of God's love.

The Community:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

During the singing of the hymn, the people go to their seats. The Pastor and Acolyte process to the front, The altar candles are lit.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Filled with Excitement" United Methodist Hymnal 279
Words + Music: Rubén Ruiz Avila (English translation by Gertrude C. Suppe)

WELCOME

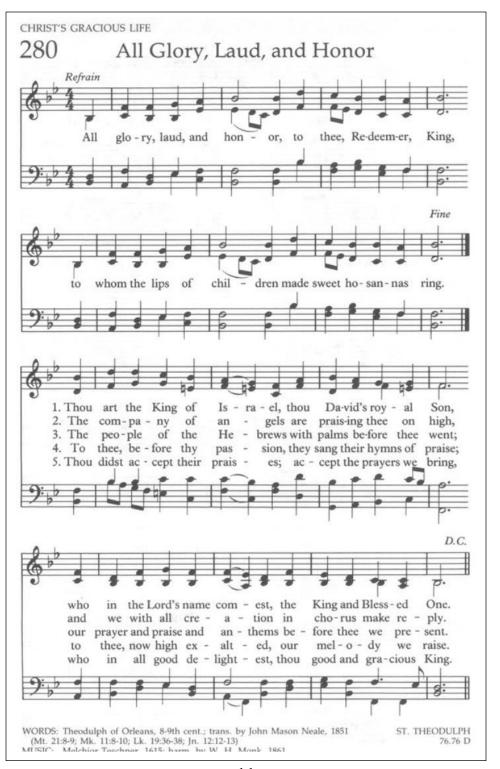
Lay Leader Lois Price

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Message for Young People "The Rocks Cry Out" - Pastor David Farley



CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- Responsively

by B. J. Beu – Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

The Community:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. By your grace, help us, for trouble is never far away. We can't see or think clearly. Our bodies waste away from grief and sorrow. Our strength fails us. Our misery is more than we can bear. Yet even in the depth of our despair, Lord, we place our trust in you. You are our God, our very help in times of trouble. Let your face shine upon us and save us in your unfailing and steadfast love! Amen.

Liturgist:

All who call on the name of the Lord are answered. There is nothing to fear. The Lord stands beside you to help. God's steadfast love endures forever. This is the day that the Lord has made! Rejoice and be glad.

People:

Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

United Methodist Hymnal 280

"All Glory Laud and Honor" (verses 1, 3, 4, 5)
Words: Theodulph of Orleans + Music: Melchior Teschner
English translation by John Mason Neale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

- Community members share their prayers aloud

- Pastor Frank Wulf

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us — Each in the language of their heart

SCRIPTURE READING - Read in Spanish by Carla Moreno "Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem" (Luke 19:36-40 - NRSV)

Liturgist:

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Luke, chapter 19, verses 28 to 40.

³⁶As Jesus 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."



This is the Word of God for the people of God

The Community:

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

- The Chancel Choir

"Thy Holy Wings, O Savior"
Words: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg + Music: Swedish folk tune
English translation by Gracia Grindal

GOSPEL READING

– Read in English by Sherman McClellan

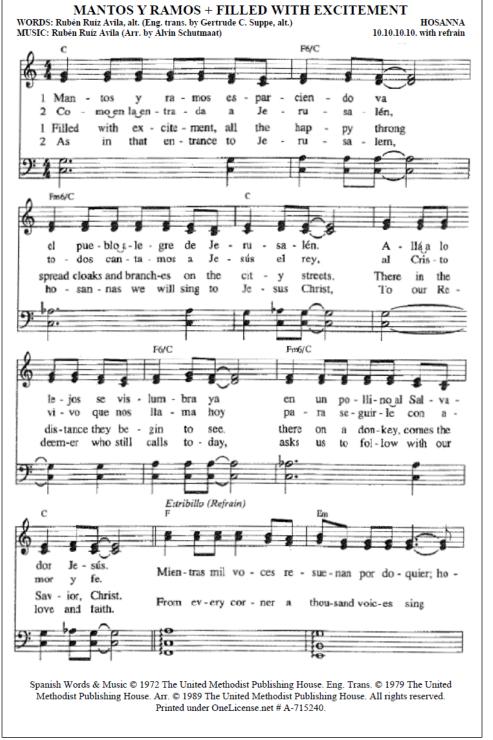
"Jesus' Death" (John 19:16-30 – NRSV)

Liturgist:

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of John, chapter 19, verses 16 to 30.

¹⁶Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." ²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on



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By cash offering: Please put your donation into an envelope. Write your name and contact information on the outside of the envelope along with any instructions about how you want your contribution used. Place the envelope into one of the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary or deliver it in person to the church office.

By check: Please make your check payable to "Echo Park United Methodist Church." Make sure your personal contact information on the check is correct and write the purpose of your donation onto the check's memo line. You may place your check into one of the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary or mail it to the church office: Echo Park United Methodist Church, 1226 N. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

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After entering the amount of your donation, use the drop-down menu to select the purpose of your donation. Then click "Next,"

On the next page, add any other specific instructions into the field labeled "What's this payment for?" Also, if necessary, enter your payment information, and then click the blue button labeled "Donate Now."

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a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

The Community:

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- In unison

Based on Psalm 91:15

The Community:

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SERMON

The Fast God Chooses:

- Pastor Frank Wulf

Trust

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

- Pastor Frank Wulf

Offertory

- Sherman McClellan, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

"The Bellman's Carol"

Words: Traditional + Music: Scott S. Withrow

*Doxology

United Methodist Hymnal 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge

*Stewardship Prayer

- In unison

The Community:

O God, may your Word shape our lives, form our thoughts, and guide our steps so that we may live in this world as your faithful followers and love this world as those who have been transformed by your love. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

United Methodist Hymnal 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Words: Anonymous Latin + Music: Hans Leo Hassler English translation by Paul Gerhardt & James W. Alexander

SENDING FORTH

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES – Read in Spanish and English "Jesus' Burial" (John 19:31-42 – NRSV)

Pastor:

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of John, chapter 19, verses 31 to 42.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35 (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 41Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42 And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The community departs in silence as the postlude is played.

*POSTLUDE

"Palm Sunday"

- Mina Rhee

Music: J. B. Faure

ENTER TO WORSHIP



DEPART TO SERVE

BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

THE WEEK OF APRIL 10-16

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand. (Psalm 31:14-15a, NRSV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1-7

- 1. Thank you to all who helped out with today's service of worship:
 - Greeter: Lois Price (Lay Leader) + Liturgists: Carla Moreno, Sherman McClellan + *Message for Young People:* Pastor David Farley + *Musicians:* Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Sherman McClellan (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + Technical Support: John Chavis, Danny Bernabe, Walter Elmer
- 2. Today's worship service is being broadcast and will be available on the church's Facebook page. Please invite your family and friends to view it there: https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch
- 3. Christian education programming:
 - Thank you to Pastor David Farley and Franie Maddela for taking responsibility for this morning's Sunday school program.
 - Suggested activities for children and families for the coming week have been posted on the church website.
 - The Bible and Theology Group for adults will not meet this coming Thursday, April 14, because of the Maundy Thursday service.
 - The BIPOC Theology Study Group will meet by Zoom today at 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Josh López-Reyes by email at: mjlopez.reyes@gmail.com. Use the following link to join the group: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/85428008133?pwd=K3Y3REFpSmxMN1 YvRFhpUzBoMWZwZz09YvRFhpUzBoMWZwZz09.
- 4. The April edition of *The Echo* has been distributed by postal mail and email. If you haven't received it let the Church office know.
- 5. The Visioning Team will meet by Zoom at 6:00 p.m. this coming Tuesday.
- 6. The Echo Park Immigration Center Board will meet by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. this coming Tuesday. You may join this meeting using the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83865682970?pwd=dEVWUk5nWjR4O1l0YmlOZ0FtK zh2UT09
- 7. Join us for our services of worship for Holy Week and Easter:
 - Maundy Thursday April 14, 7:00 p.m. on Facebook
 - Good Friday April 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on Facebook
 - Easter Sunday April 17, 10:00 a.m.- in the Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 8. Happy birthday to:
 - Hannah Farley Rudnick (April 11)
 - Christina Requa (April 14)
 - Irene Elmer (April 15)

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