



**Coffee Hour dates  
available:**

May 11, 18

**Sunday Flowers available:**

June 1,8

August 31

September 7 October 19



Our **Greeter** today is Kwennie Snell.



*You're invited to join us in the parlor for  
refreshments following today's service.*

*Your host/donor for today is:*

*Kelly Swanson.*



***Palm Sunday***

***Children's Sunday***

**April 13th, 2025**

**10:30am**

**Central Park United Methodist Church**

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Buffalo NY 14214

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**Rev. Brian Rotach, Interim Pastor**

**Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music**

**Reader/Communion Helper: Ms. Tiffany Brant**

**Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy**

*We are a Christ-centered community of faith and love,  
reaching out to all.*

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*The palms at the altar today are given to the glory of God.*

**Centering Music:** "La cathédrale engloutie" Claude Debussy

**Opening Songs:**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymnal #280  
(repeat until children finish their parade!)

**Greeting/Announcements**

**+Opening Words:**

Psalm 118

*Jesus is the rock of our salvation.*

**But the builders rejected that rock.**

*Jesus is the gate of righteousness.*

**But so many consider him a fraud.**

*Jesus has become this cornerstone of our lives.*

**Shall we enter his gate of righteousness?**

*Yes! Let us worship the Lord.*

**Opening Prayer (Unison):**

**Foundation of our faith, your son humbled himself on the back of a colt. He entered. He entered into Jerusalem in lowly estate to bring joy to the hearts of all. Forsaking his place at your side, Jesus emptied himself of prestige and power to become a servant of all. On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more, that we too may dance with the children, for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven. God of righteousness, draw near to us in the coming week. We yearn to keep singing our Hosannas, but we fear that we too may lose our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We long to see ourselves as your champions, but fear that we might betray you with a kiss. Strengthen our resolve during Holy Week, that we may remain your faithful disciples. Amen.**

**Words of assurance**

Christ has opened the gates of righteousness and beckons us to walk through. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our salvation.

**Invitation to Children "Where Children Belong"**

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**A Time for Children**

**Choral Anthem:**

John Purifoy  
"How Blest Is He Who Comes"

**The Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**+The Gospel:** Luke 19:28-40

*Sometimes a simple story can contain a great truth*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon:**

Brian Rotach, Pastor

**Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayers**

**Baba Yetu**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal #895

**Prayer Response:**

"He is Lord"

Hymnal #177

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:**

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Hymnal #453

**+Blessing our Gifts**

**Holy Communion**

Hymnal #15

**+Closing Song:**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymnal #280

**+Send-off: *On the back of a donkey. Jesus came to bless us. With the light of his love, Jesus came to illuminate our way.***

*From the power of aimlessness and sin, Jesus came to set us free.*

**With the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus came to save us. Go with the blessings of God's anointed. Amen.**

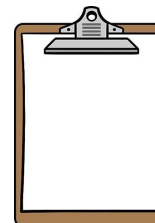
**Postlude**

Invention in C Major

J.S. Bach

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**+denotes standing, as you are able.**



We now have another sign up sheet for the **East-Sunday Continental Breakfast!**

It will not be a lunch, but a light array of assorted baked goods, fruit, juice, coffee & tea.