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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for April 10, 2022 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song –** Sing to The King

Verse 1:

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign

Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain

Life and salvation His empire shall bring

And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus:

Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring that we belong to Jesus

He’s all we need

Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus

Sing to the King

Verse 2:

For His returning we watch and we pray

We will be ready the dawn of that day

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed

'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: As we gather, today, let us cleanse our hearts and our consciences by confessing our sin to God.

*(Time of silence for reflection and confession)*

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor in our thoughts, words, and actions.  We are truly sorry for our sins and sincerely repent of them. We ask for Your mercy. For the sake of Jesus Christ's bitter suffering and death, please forgive us and renew us that we may walk in Your Spirit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: The Lord has heard your confession. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

**Epistle Reading:**Romans 13:1-4

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to You, o Christ.

**Sermon Song***–*Overcome

Verse 1:

Seated above, enthroned in the Father's love

Destined to die, poured out for all mankind

God's only son perfect and spotless one

He never sinned, but suffered as if he did

Pre-Chorus:

All authority, every victory is Yours

All authority, every victory is Yours

Chorus:

Savior, worthy of honor and glory,

Worthy of all our praise, You overcame

Jesus, awesome in power forever,

Awesome and great is Your name, You overcame

Verse 2:

Power in hand speaking the Father's plan

You're sending us out, light in this broken land

Pre-Chorus:

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**Sermon** – “The Burden of Leadership”

Additional Sermon Text: Luke 23:

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.”

But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.” When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.” But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas” — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

**Prayers:***‬*

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  Amen

**Benediction**

**Closing Song:** Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Verse 1:

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;

Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,

The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

Verse 2:

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state

Nor scorned that little child-ren Should on His bidding wait.

Verse 3:

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;

For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.

Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice

And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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**Offering**

**Upcoming Events**

**April 14, 7 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship Service**
The Chmiel’s Home
29708 Weybridge Way, Wesley Chapel, FL 33545
Gate Code: #8419 Home Phone: 813-994-1983

**April 15, 7 PM - Good Friday Worship Service**
Song and Dance

**April 17, 11 AM – Easter Worship Service**
Song and Dance

**April 24, After the Service – Voters’ Meeting**
Song and Dance

**April 24, After the Service – Bake Sale**
Song and Dance

**April 24, 4 PM – Confirmation**The Shucks (lessons 20, 21, & 22)

**May 1 - Youth Raffle Fundraiser Drawing**Online

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