

Sermon Series: Encounters Just before Calvary
Message: "Don't Get Hysterical" Text: Matthew 21:1-11

I. The Players and Shakers of Palm Sunday

1. Insecure Religious Leaders

John 12:19b Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!" NLT

2. The Confident Christ

Luke 19:40 He told them, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers." NLT

3. The Hysterical Mob

II. Advise for the 2017 Crowd

1. Don't expect Jesus to fulfill our expectations

Isaiah 55:8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." NLT

2. Don't be swayed by mob mentality

a) Remember that he is the King.

Joshua 24:15b "But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." NLT

b) Lovingly resist troublemakers

Exodus 23:2 "You must not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you are called to testify in a dispute, do not be swayed by the crowd to twist justice." NLT

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April 09, 2017
 Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday Celebration

Coffeehouse:	Saturday, April 08	5:00 pm
Traditional Worship:	Sunday, April 09	9:00 am
KCAC - Modern:	Sunday, April 09	10:00 am
Modern Worship:	Sunday, April 09	11:00 am

Our Easter Celebration



Join us Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 am, as the sun rises over the horizon at the Blue Spruce Park Lakeside Center, for a glorious outdoor early-morning worship experience. For your comfort, please bring a lawn chair.

Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunrise Service:	Sunday, April 16	6:30 am
Traditional:	Sunday, April 16	9:00 am
KCAC - Modern:	Sunday, April 16	10:00 am
Modern:	Sunday, April 16	11:00 am

(No Train Station on Easter Sunday)

Maundy Thursday

April 13 at 7:00 pm in our Downtown Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 14 at 7:00 pm in our Downtown Sanctuary
 (No Coffeehouse Worship Service on April 15)



We gather in grace

The coffee is ready! Please enjoy a time of fellowship - in our Welcome Center between services at the Downtown Campus and in the lobby at the KCAC Campus. Meet and greet your friends and make new ones.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner and Grace Groups at our downtown campus. Dinner is from 5:00 - 6:00 pm followed Grace Groups at 6:15. (No dinner and groups on April 12 due to Holy Week.) There is a place for everyone! More information is available in the Welcome Center and at the Connect Table at the KCAC. Check our website for other opportunities to Gather in Grace!

Child care

Child care for children birth-4 is available in the nursery each week at our Sunday morning services.

Children K-5 can attend the Train Station - an exciting worship and growing experience - at 10:00 am at our KCAC campus and 11:00 am at our downtown campus (please sign your child in upstairs outside the Fellowship Hall before the service begins at the downtown campus).

Children 3-K can attend the Caboose at both campuses (located down the main hallway past the Welcome Center at our main campus).

Order of Worship

Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Gathering Music

Prelude

Announcements

*Opening Hymn of Praise - No. 278
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Prayer of Invocation
(words on screen)

Response

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Message

Encounters Just before Calvary:
Don't Get Hysterical

Response Time

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology - No. 95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - No. 504
The Old Rugged Cross

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates the congregation standing as able



If you are joining us for the first time today, we extend to you a very special greeting! We have a gift for you in our Welcome Center. Additionally, while in the Welcome Center, please take a moment and complete a connect card and return it to the Welcome Center host. Thank you for joining us!



The Altar Flowers are in memory of
Sharon Diane Rush, given by
Cathy Schloemer

Special Easter Offering

On Easter Sunday, there will be a special envelope in the bulletin for those who would like to contribute to our Children's Ministries here at Grace Church.

Wednesday Nights at Grace

Wednesday Dinner
Serving 5:00 - 6:00 in Fellowship Hall
Adults: \$5 Kids 4-12: \$2.50 Under 4: Free

To properly plan, **reservations are required.**
Sign up in the Welcome Center, through the Grace Church app, or call the church office by 4 pm on Tuesday.

Grace Groups begin at 6:15 pm.

HOLY WEEK

***Please note - there will be no Wednesday Dinner and no evening Grace Groups on April 12.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE



Monday, April 10

5:00 pm Women's Prayer Group - Room 207
6:00 pm Trustees - Room 208
7:00 pm SPRC - Room 205

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 pm Young Adult Grace Group - Grace Growth Center
7:00 pm Women's Evening Fellowship - Parlors

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 102
10:00 am The Seekers Women's Group - Deb Rickard's home
3:30 pm Women's Grace Group - Room 201
5:00 pm **No Dinner this evening**
6:15 pm No Grace Groups this evening
7:00 pm Worship Team - Sanctuary
8:00 pm Cru Team - Grace Growth Center

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship Service - Sanctuary

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

7:00 pm Worship Service - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 15

7:45 am Prayer Fellowship - G.I.M. (1st Floor)
9:30 am Breakfast/Egg Hunt - Fellowship Hall

IMPORTANT CHURCH CONFERENCE: Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to elect church members to fill vacancies on the Trustees, Church Council, Finance and SPRC teams. Please make every effort to attend.



EASTER
EGG
HUNT



Breakfast with the
Easter Bunny—
followed by an Egg
Hunt, Saturday, April
15! We invite your

children, grandchildren and friends to join the fun at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall (parents/guardians/grandparents/siblings will be joining the children for breakfast and egg hunt). To ensure adequate breakfast food, **reservations are required.** Please sign up in the Welcome Center, at the KCAC Connect Table, or call the church office by April 12.

We are in need of donations of wrapped candy treats to give the children. Please bring donated candy to the church parlors by today, April 9. Thank you!

Women's Evening Fellowship will meet in the Church Parlors on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm. We will be sending Easter cards to shut-ins and filling Easter baskets for the children at the Pathway Homeless Shelter. Please plan to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Bring a friend! Contact Mary Helen Taylor or Sue Stitt for more information.

Looking Ahead - The following meetings are scheduled for **Monday, April 17:**

5:00 pm: Lay Leadership Team

6:00 pm: Finance Team

7:00 pm: Church Council—on the agenda at this meeting is a vote to decide whether or not to allow Seeds of Faith Christian School use our church building for their school. The Grace Church family is welcome to attend the meeting.

Remember in prayer....

Jeanne Fox
Tom Trimble
Betty Scarpino
Debbie Douglass
Dale Cunningham

Dolly Coury
Terry St. Clair
Andrew Manzek
Rosemary McDowell

Randy Spielman
All First Responders
Law Enforcement Officers
Deployed Military Personnel