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Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:30am

GATHERING

Palm Sunday

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the
card in the
offering plate.
Thank you!

This week, the
center of the
church's year, is
one of striking
contrasts: Jesus
rides into Jerusa-
lem surrounded by
shouts of glory,
only to be left
alone to die on the
cross, abandoned
by even his closest
friends. Mark's
gospel presents
Jesus in his com-
plete human vul-
nerability: agitat-
ed, grieved,
scared, forsaken.
Though we lament
Christ's suffering
and all human
suffering, we also
expect God's sal-
vation: in the wine
and bread, Jesus
promises that his
death will mark a
new covenant
with all people.
We enter this holy
week thirsty for
the completion of
God's astonishing
work.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹²[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#344

ACCLAMATION

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

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, **you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who**

with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

ANTHEM

Hosanna!

Choir

WORD

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-17

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. ¹³For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. ¹⁶On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. ¹⁷For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-12

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried

out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **We Are Turning** **#205**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!** **#346**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

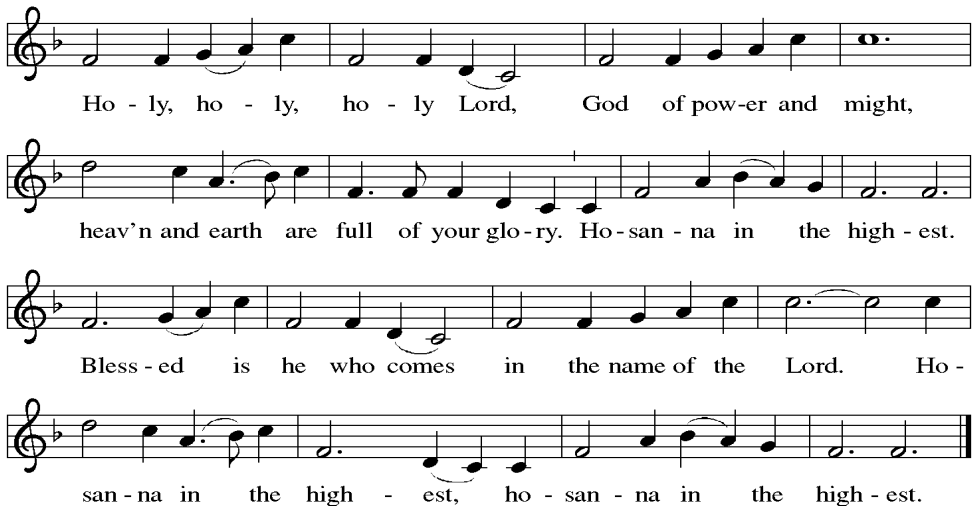
THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION HYMNS: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* #461
 Here is Bread #483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 24—March 31, 2024

***THANK YOU!** "My sincere thank you for the beautiful flowers on my 80th birthday! Thank you to Judy Hallgren for delivering them to me. Such a pleasant surprise!" Sincerely, Barb Cohan

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for March is Choir. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee Hour** or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Connie Lindblom or Connie Scanlon** with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. **This week's Bible Study is canceled.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

***COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR CANTATA** Please attend A Choir Cantata: *It Is Finished* on **Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm** at the W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School. Six songs will be sung by a choir with the reading of the Passion Story between each song. Three congregational hymns will be included accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra. Offering for the worship will go to Ishpeming High School to refurbish their Grand Piano.

***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES** We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.

***FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP** Registration is open. Scholarships are available for all. If you register by April 1, you will receive \$25 off. Please contact Stacy at 361-9123 or email her at stacycymc6@gmail.com.

***NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP** This summer, a group of youth from Immanuel is going to New Orleans for the national youth gathering. At this event, they will expand their faith through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. It is a unique experience for all those involved. They would really appreciate the continued support from the congregation. The youth are extremely grateful for all the generous donations that they have received. Without the love from you, they would never be able to go! The group is on their way to hitting their goal and could use your help. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes on a white board in the fellowship hall. Please put your donation in one of the envelopes and then put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

***BARBARA LEHTONEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** This scholarship will be available to Immanuel graduating seniors again this year. If you are interested in applying, please fill out an application in the high school office.

***EASTER EGG HUNT** We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Dyeing Party on Saturday, March 30, from 10:00am—11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at Immanuel from June 10-14, 2024, with classes for children Age 2 through Grade 5. **Registration forms are now available on the church website.** The success of our VBS program lies in having enough staff so the children can have a safe, fun learning experience. Our exact number of classroom staff will depend on our enrollment. We have several teachers, but need more. We need teacher assistants. Snack center has some volunteers, but need more- come for the whole week- or for one day. Our BIG need is for Playground helpers! Responsibilities will be to set up equipment. Play with the kids. Take down the equipment. This will take about an hour and a half mid-morning. Snacks will be included! **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.**

***EASTER LILIES** It's time to order your Easter lilies. Please fill out the bulletin insert and return it in the offering plate or to the church office by **this Wednesday, March 27.**

***LENT/EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- March 28, 6:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service
- March 29, 12:00pm—Good Friday Service at Bethany Lutheran, Negaunee
- March 29, 6:30pm—Good Friday Cantata at W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School
- March 30, 6:00pm—Easter Vigil
- March 31, 8:30am and 10:30am—Easter Service

We need 2 volunteers to usher during the following services: Maundy Thursday and both Easter Services. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the office at 906-475-9161.

***DOOR KEYS** If you are in possession of any keys (not pass cards) to the church, please return them to the church office as soon as possible. When they are used, they mess with the electronic locking system. Thank you!

* **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity would like to ask for our help providing lunches to their volunteers in the 2024 build season. They will need anywhere between 4 and 25 lunches on any given day. There will be advanced notice to lunch donors regarding the number of lunches needed. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping out this summer!

* **CPR/AED TRAINING** will be held on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. People from across the ministries of Immanuel are encouraged to attend including those from both Sunday worship services, the quilters, and various Bible Study and committee members, etc. Contact the church office to sign up.

* **COMPANION CONGREGATION CELEBRATION** Enjoy worship on **April 7, 2024**, as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of Yombo Lutheran in Tanzania, Africa. Drs. Brian and Danielle Anderson will preach. They currently coordinate the synod's dental project in Tanzania. Some Tanzanian traditions will be incorporated into our service with some verses of hymns being sung in Swahili. Tanzanian snacks will be available during coffee hour.

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Pray For:** *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Jessica Luck, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.*

**Our Shut-ins:** *Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.*

**Members in the Armed Service:** *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30am GREETERS	<i>Deb Moyer Cheryl Ulvila</i>	6:00pm GREETERS	<i>Deb Hicks</i>
9:30am USHERS	<i>Deb Moyer Cheryl Ulvila</i>	6:00pm USHERS	<i>Deb Hicks</i>
9:30am LECTOR	<i>Martha Hayward</i>	6:00pm LECTOR	<i>Kitty Raymond</i>
9:30am COMM ASST	<i>Martha Hayward Jim Hayward Fae Collins</i>	6:00pm COMM ASST	<i>Kitty Raymond</i>
9:30am Tech Team	<i>Tyler Moore</i>		



IN MARCH, our Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund will be the Mission Emphasis (ME), enabling people from Immanuel, young and old, to participate in the outdoor camping ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.

Outdoor camping ministry reaches people like none other. We'd like to encourage those connections by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats throughout the year. In this special place, campers disconnect from the world in order to reconnect with God, each other, and themselves. Campers experience the beauty of God's creation, amazing camp staff, other campers, Good News themes, and all the fun that a week can hold.

If you wish to give to Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund, use the *March Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,050.69 in February to the **Immanuel Quilters**.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 24—March 31, 2024

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
Sunday	9:30am	Worship Service
	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	6:00pm	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)
Tuesday	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	NO Bible Study @ Pasquali's
Wednesday	6:00pm	Choir
Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
	10:00am	Quilting
	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00am	AA
	12:00pm	Service @ Bethany Lutheran, Negaunee
	6:30pm	Cantata at Ishpeming High School
Saturday	10:00am	Egg Hunt
	6:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	<i>Easter</i>	
	8:30am	Worship Service
	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	10:30am	Worship Service
	NO 6:00PM WORSHIP	
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: upbre3@gmail.com)



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR



EASTER EGG HUNT

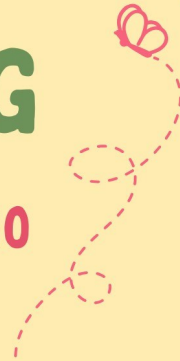
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EGG DYEING



SATURDAY MARCH 30
10AM - 11AM

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