

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

Reflection for Worship Today

From passion to promise, Holy Week takes us through a long and arduous journey. Oddly enough, we begin with palms—promises of life and hope—even as we prepare to endure the agony of betrayal, despair, and death.

Prelude “The Holy City”

by Stephen Adams

Welcome

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

ALL: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

ALL: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for ALL of us.

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

*Unison Prayer

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God’s Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children’s Time

One: And, Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Scripture Reading “Jesus Enters Jerusalem”

Mark 11:1-11 CEB

Response

One: The Word of God for ALL of us - God’s people.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Blessed is the One”

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Call to Prayer “Nothing Can Trouble” 2x

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Pastoral Prayer for the Cares of the People

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012)

The Lord’s Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

*Invitation to Giving Action

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

*Lenten Doxology

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**Praise the Source who gives us life.
Praise to Christ, who shares our strife.
Praise the Spirit, who sustains,
bearing us through grief and pain.
To the holy Trinity glory, praise, and honor be.**

*Blessing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at Your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who You sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one You know we need – Jesus Christ, Your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Let it be so.

From Palm to Passion “Washing His Disciples’ Feet” John 13:1-11 MSG

Lighting Our Way

Witness

One: Light still comes. Can you see it?

ALL: Even when we’re vulnerable, in pain and scared, God invites us to see light in the darkness. Lord, help us to be willing light bearers through the faithful living of our lives. Amen.

Preparing for the Holy Week Ahead

*Responsive Sending Forth “A Week Where Transformation Will Meet You”

One: And now, my friends, go forth to a week where transformation will meet you and guide you.

ALL: We do not hide when recognized; we do not doubt when we see Christ; we do not deny when we are confronted and we do not stop until we, too, are at the cross.

One: And there you will see the light!

ALL: And the burdens of our hearts will roll away!

ALL: Until then God be with us ALL!

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *all verses* UMH 474

*Postlude “Open the Gates of the Temple” *by Phoebe C. Knapp*

Lectionary readings: Palm Sunday: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11
Passion Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

Tech: **Joe Whyms**, Dave Smith, **Izzy Veit**, **Wendi Haubert**
Worship leaders: Amy Veit, Sophia Veit, Debbie Huyck,
Pat Mehring, Chuck Garrigues, Tony Suminski
Ken Miller, Mary Schulz, Wendi Haubert, Sue
Schulkers

Light bearer: Kathy Depies
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Schulkers**, Dave Smith (midi)
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Worship resource: **Ministry Matters**, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>, **Discipleship Ministries**, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/>, Doxology from “Praising God: The Trinity in Christian Worship”, by Ruth C. Duck and Patricia Wilson-Kastner

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