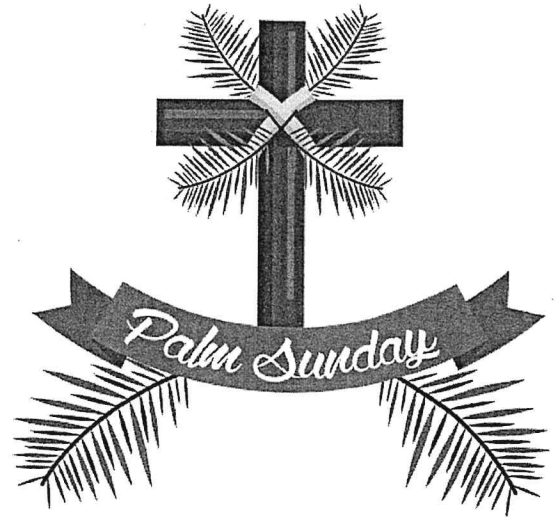


Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026
10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
There's a Place for You Here



*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music

Graceful Engagement

Think on This for Today

Even though we have been here before, we make this journey because he made this journey for us. We watch and we listen, and we follow at a distance because that is the best we can do. We shout and we sing; we weep and we rejoice, because to make this journey is to embrace being alive with all the passion and the promise life offers. We make this journey because, once again, we need to learn how to begin again. Join us for the end and the beginning.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Settling In

Prelude

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!
ALL voices: I am here!

*Praise Sentences

Open the gates!
Give us courage to walk through!
Lay down the cloaks.
We mark the journey to Love's reign.
Lift up the branches!
Let us boldly proclaim God's peace!

*Call to Worship

Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

We come TO PRAISE JESUS, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

We come TO CALL ON JESUS the Messiah, the One who saves!

The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

We come TO WITNESS JESUS, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

We come TO FOLLOW JESUS, the Messiah, the One who saves!

*Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *all verses*

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*Opening Prayer

Humble God, You have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon Your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with Your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said...

ALL: Let the children come!

Reading of Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 CEB
*Matthew 21:1-11 CEB

*Response

The word of God for ALL of us, God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Confessing Our Tendency"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Call to Prayer "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vs. 1

UMH 474

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

Invitation to Giving Action
Peace be with each of you.
And, also with you!

*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

Humble Savior, You ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation - calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim Your kingdom - where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Let it be so.

Passion Sentences

Grief wastes me.

Scorn surrounds me.

There is scheming against me.

My strength fails.

But Your face shines.

I will trust in You.

And Your love endures.

I will trust in You.

Litany for the Holy Week Ahead

How bold of Jesus to ride into Jerusalem at the holy time of Passover. He rode as a humble king. We hoped it was to claim the throne; but it was to claim our lives.

Lord Jesus, let us walk with You, the path to the cross.

Each day as he taught, he was reminded of the faithless of those in power. He saw corruption and oppression at every turn in the Temple.

Lord Jesus, let us be aware of the seductiveness of power as we walk with You on the path to the cross.

At supper one evening, he discharged one of his disciples, Judas, to go and do what he felt he must do. For the others he gave a precious reminder of his love through the washing of their feet and through the sacrament of bread and wine.

Lord Jesus, cleanse us and make us whole; feed us the bread of life that we might be healed and strengthened.

From the cross he forgave the executioners and welcomed a thief to Paradise.

Lord Jesus, forgive us our trespasses and welcome us as repentant people into Your paradise.

***Sending Forth**

“Truly this man Jesus was God’s Son.” As disciples of Jesus, truly YOU are God’s children. We go into this week with the knowledge that resurrection will come, even when it seems there is no tomorrow.

***Charge and Final Blessing**

Respond “Yes!” after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: “This day and in every day to come!”

***Closing Hymn/Ritual of Passion** “To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” *all verses*

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***Postlude**

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Lectionary readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *“The passover praise psalm”*; Matthew 21:1-11 *“Jesus enters Jerusalem”*; Isaiah 50:4-9a *“The servant submits to suffering”*; Psalm 31:9-16 *“I commend my spirit”*; Philippians 2:5-11 *“God takes on human form”*; Matthew 26:14-27:66 *“The passion and death of Jesus”*



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

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“love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously”