

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:30 a.m.

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



GATHERING TOGETHER

For Today

To "lord it over" in modern parlance is to boss around, give orders to, dictate, domineer, tyrannize, oppress, dominate. This is a set of words that mirror some of the ugliest interpersonal and anti-social behavior we have seen in human history. The fusion of politics and religion on Palm Sunday gives us an awkward and uncomfortable day to unpack.

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

Prelude

Welcome

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

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

***Opening Chorus** "We Will Glorify the King of Kings" vs. 1, 3 FWS 2087

*Call to Worship

The Spirit of Christ comes to turn the world upside down.

Lifting high those who struggle.

Bringing low those who reign on thrones of power.

Birthing a world where dominance is no more.

Let us leave behind all that tramples on life.

Repairing the world, repairing ourselves.

*Hymn "Hosanna! Hosanna!" *all verses*

FWS 2109

*Unison Prayer

Crucified One, as we remember the cross, we reflect on our own lives. We know the evil that executed You still lives among us today. It tempts us to cooperate through fear or greed, exhaustion or through ordinary habits. We grieve our complicity. We pray for Your guidance, that we may live on the side of Love in all aspects of our lives and resources. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

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

Children's Time in the Wesley Room

ALL children are invited to join together just outside the Sanctuary.

ALL Sing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" vs. 1, 3

UMH 278

Scripture Reading, Focus text: Luke 19:28-40 CEB

Response

This is the Word of God for ALL of us, God's people.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Repenting from Domination"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

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

Response Song "We're ALL On The Way" vs. R, 1, 2, R
(see bulletin insert)

by Jacob Nault

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer "We're ALL On the Way" vs. 3, R
(see bulletin insert)

by Jacob Nault

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

*Invitation to Giving Action

Our brother, Jesus, was neither the first nor the last to be targeted by forces of domination. In recognition that empire continues to steal life to protect profits, let us bring our offerings together. That we might sow seeds of courage, refusing to be passive bystanders, rising in the power God has given us. We give and we greet on another saying:

One: The peace of Christ be with you! **ALL: And, also with you!**

*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

Living Christ, You are the antidote to domination. Come and take flesh anew in these resources and all the offerings of our hearts. May the hungry have food. May the oppressed rise in deliverance. May the weary find rest. And may we, ALL of us, be ushered more deeply into the good news that sets us free. Amen.

*Responsive Sending Forth

The grace of God is this:
We are always welcome back.
We betray Christ and each other,
and love calls us out of shame, and into transformation.
Let us go and practice this freedom.
Let us go and live the journey of repair.

*Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” vs. 1, 3, 4

UMH 280

*Our Charge

*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!”

*Postlude

Notes:

**Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available.
Visit our tech room and someone will help you.**

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a *"The servant submits to suffering"*; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *"The Passover praise psalm"*; Luke 19:28-40 *"Entrance into the final days"*

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

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