

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:  
Be the hands  
and feet  
of Christ*

**March 28, 2021  
Order of Worship  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
March Celebrates Women's History Month**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

**We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"**

But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

**Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.**

Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

**Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Through the shouts and branches, the Savior rides again into our hearts, our Jerusalems, the places that we have fortified, sometimes against even God's truth and love. Patient God, be with us today as we witness again the entry of Jesus into the holy city. Remind us that our "holy cities", our souls, need to welcome Jesus, truly in celebration and in commitment to his witness to us. We can so easily get caught up in the noise and forget the Savior. We can get so focused on the celebration and colors that we look past the solitary figure on the small donkey. We stand at the gates this day to welcome Jesus. May our welcome of Jesus also be reflected in our welcome of others who come into our midst. Free us from judgment and prejudice, that we may be open to hearing your word through the ministry of Jesus and the disciples. As we speak the names of ones who are near and dear to us who need your healing love, O God, help us also to remember that we need a good measure of your grace and mercy. Bring us through this parade into the comfort of your love. Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus! Blessed is He who has come and who continues to come into our lives forever. **AMEN.**

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

Wonder Women of the Bible Moment - "Mary Magdalene" - Shirley Oldham

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

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. AMEN.**

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang,  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

Young Disciples' Time

Charlie Walden

Anthem

Lamb of God

David Forbus

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then 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.  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Lord Needs Me”

Pastor Orr

Hymn of Commitment

‘Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies

UMH 282, vs. 1 & 4

**'Tis finished! the Messiah dies,  
cut off for sins, but not his own.  
Accomplished is the sacrifice,  
the great redeeming work is done.**

**The reign of sin and death is o'er,  
and all may live from sin set free;  
Satan hath lost his mortal power;  
'tis swallowed up in victory.**

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher ..... Pastor Freddie Orr  
Liturgist ..... Gail Blythe  
Music Director ..... David Forbus  
Accompanist ..... Laura Benton  
A/V Team.. Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh

## **A Lenten Note: A Look at Holy Week**

### **Palm Sunday**

On the last Sunday of Lent we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

### **Spy Wednesday**

This is an old and uncommon name for the Wednesday of Holy Week, which commemorates Judas' agreement to betray Jesus. (see Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16).

### **Maundy Thursday**

The name "Maundy Thursday" is derived from Jesus' "mandate" to love one another as He loves us.

### **Good Friday [of the Lord's Passion]**

A Fast day of the Church commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and death. The most important Good Friday symbol is the crucifix, or cross, which represents the way in which Jesus died.

### **Holy Saturday**

This is the final day of Holy Week. It is the final night before the Feast of the Resurrection, which begins as the Great Easter Vigil.

### **Easter or Resurrection Sunday**

This is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

Feast of the Resurrection, which begins as the Great Vigil of Easter, also called the Paschal Vigil or the Easter Vigil, is a liturgy held in traditional Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day, Pentecost Sunday.