

# Palm Sunday

## March 24, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude  
"Prelude Peal for Palm Sunday" Handbell Choir  
John Leavitt

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem  
\*\*Matthew 21:1-12a Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Call to Worship  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

\*\*Opening Hymn "All Glory Laud, and Honor" (v.1-4) UMH #280

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garment and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Offering/Offertory  
"O, Worship the King" Handbell Choir  
Lloyd Larson

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**We thank you, Christ Jesus, for your steadfast faithfulness and your humble leadership in our world. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may guide others to follow you and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Passion Story  
Reading 1 - Matthew 26:14-29 Pastor Jeff Bandy

Response Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v.1,2) UMH# 618  
Reading 2 - Matthew 26:30-56 Liturgist

Response Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v.1,2) UMH#290  
Reading 3 - Matthew 26:57-75 Pastor Jeff Bandy

Response Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" (v.1,2) UMH#292  
Reading 4 - Matthew 27:1-30 Liturgist

Response Hymn "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord" (v.1,2) UMH#285  
Reading 5 - Matthew 27:31-50 Pastor Jeff Bandy

Response Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (v.1-2) UMH#286  
Reading 6 - Matthew 27:51-61 Liturgist

Response Hymn "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" (v.1,2) UMH#298  
Meditation "From Palms to Passion" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Ministry of Music  
"And Can It Be?" Chancel Choir  
arr. by Benjamin Harlan

\*Closing Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (v.1,2) UMH #301

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Jim McPeck  
John Carter



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor and appreciation for those who Host and provide refreshments for Sunday Hospitality Time.*

## Scripture Reading – Matthew 21:1-12a (CEB)

### Entry into Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup> When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. <sup>4</sup> Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, <sup>5</sup> *Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."* <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

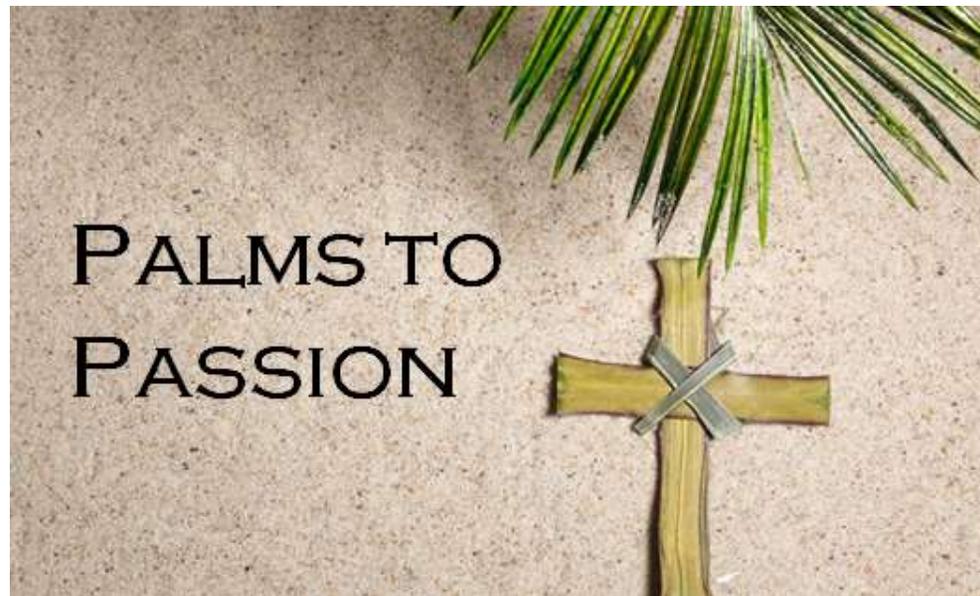
<sup>8</sup> Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna* to the Son of David! *Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna* in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### Cleansing the temple

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those who were selling and buying there.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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### Palm Sunday

#### March 24, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Don Wolf, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Laurie Krakowiak
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Guest Organist	Jim McPeek
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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Saturday 30			
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Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy  
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