

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm/Passion Sunday
(Holy Week begins)

March 29, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL: *"The Palms"* arr. J. Faure (if you would like to follow along, the words are printed on the last page in your bulletins)

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **We wave our palms to welcome Jesus, the Messiah.**

People: **Hosanna, alleluia.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Lord, with joy we greet You with palm branches waving. We celebrate Your entry into Jerusalem. With celebrants throughout the ages we shout Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 197 *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* ELLACOMBE

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Father, we celebrate with joy the coming of Your Son, Jesus, to Jerusalem those many years ago. Forgive us when our celebration is more form than substance. We long to feel the excitement of the Jerusalem entry, with palms waving and people shouting, but the burdens of our lives interfere. Forgive us when we let worry overcome the joy of Your gift of eternal life. Help us to carry the celebration of Palm Sunday to the people around us and help us to understand that joy is often mixed with sorrow, but through You we have eternal joy. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) We pray these things in Jesus; name. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, do we have any youth that would like to come forward?

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, open Your word to us today. Lay it open so we may see and understand the joy You have planned for our lives. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech You, give us success!

People: O Lord, we beseech You, give us success!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

People: The Lord is God, and He has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You.

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: “*Hosanna Gathering*” arr. Choplin

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 21:1-11 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 23 of the New Testament

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 196 “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" *GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you a Minute for Mission

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS **It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY **And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY: "*Medley of the Cross*" arr. Page and Shafferman

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, thank You for all Your loving kindness. We return today a portion of that which You have given us. Use our gifts and our live in Your work. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 228 "*Were You There*" WERE YOU THERE

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 515 vs. 5 "*I Come with Joy*" DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Bible Study

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet on the large round table in the Opportunity Corner if you would like to purchase Easter Lilies. Today is the last day to sign-up for them. Each plant is \$10.00.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Jessica Zinn

Travel mercies for our members and friends who are traveling

Makia's childhood friend passed away, prayers for his friends and family

Prayers for both Joe Alexander and Jessica Zinn, neither of them were able to come to church