

April 2, 2023 Passion/Palm Sunday 10:30 AM

**Those who are able, please stand*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is Passion/Palm Sunday. Today we focus on the way God expects us to live our lives in accordance with his Covenant. Even Now, God's word is clear - Keep my Covenant. Keep Love in your Heart, Serve others. Wrap yourself up in Jesus

Flowers on Alter in Memory and Honor per the insert in Bulletin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God is with you, celebrating this day and walking all the way to the cross with you. Celebrate this day, for God offers redemption to people of every generation, making new life possible for everyone through Jesus Christ.

GATHERING SONG "The Palms" Insert in Bulletin

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us.

People: So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this day, and there we face our temptations.

Leader: We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

People: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: For we are in a time of need this day and seek the help of Christ.

People: We confess, O Lord, that there are times when we did not face up to our temptations, but gave into them.

**** (Silence for self-reflection) ****

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

People: For he has passed through death on the cross and gone to speak to the Father on our behalf to grant us forgiveness.

Leader: Your sins are forgiven because of Christ. And since he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

People: We thank you, Jesus, for facing the cross, and not giving in to temptation, so that we might have the power to resist temptations by your strength. Be with us this day and walk with us on this final journey.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Almighty God, you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to suffer death on the cross for us, Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with us now and ever more.

Time with God's Children:

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE Alleluia, Alleluia

UMH 162

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "All in the April Evening"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

God of compassion, when we failed to keep your commandments, that which would bring peace and joy to our lives, your love was so great that you offered us a new covenant written on our hearts. In our giving, and in all our offerings, may it be our lives, our love and devotion that we bring to your altar. May we remember in our giving that you loved us so much that you sacrificed your Son

on the cross for us. Use these gifts as our token of gratitude for this sacrifice. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” UMH 298

Passion/Palm Sunday Prayer UMH 281

Canticle Reading: “Canticle of Christ’s Obedience” UMH 167

Affirmation of Faith: From 1 Corinthians UMH 888

GLORIA PATRI *(We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)*
UMH 70 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

SCRIPTURE Mark 10: 32-34, Mark 11:1-11, John 12: 12-19

SHARING THE STORY “ False Expectations” Pastor Joyce Royal

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
April 3, 2022 - Monday Free Lunch - Food Pantry 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Good Friday - The 7 Last Words of Jesus - Service in Chapel 4:00 PM.
Easter Egg Hunt in Sanctuary - Confirmation Class in Parlor
Easter Sunday Service 10:30 AM

SENDING SONG “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH 278

THE SENDING FORTH
Gracious God, the road has been long. We asks that you make us sensitive to all the evidence of your goodness and may we, trusting in you, free ourselves from all fears and feel free to live intensely and happily the life that you have given to us through your death upon the Cross. Go now and prepare for Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus. Amen

Reader for Today – Eric Davis

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “All Glory Loud and Honor” Pianist Mavis Baldwin
Prayer List: Louis Antonucci, Penna’s Family, Rich Becker, Anne Boles, The family of Bev Lorey, Dorothy Holly’s Brother and Sister-in-Law, John and Shirley Chirgwin, Kevin Quaresino, Jennifer Bushey, Family of Claude Hinkle, Family of Shirley Galpin, Family of Paula Huebeler, Linda Howland, Sheila McDonald, Art Schrum, Nicolle Brindle Valovic, Carol Johnson, Portia Robles, Linda Sammons, James Medbury’s family