

March 24, 2024 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/Memory Boxes on Alter are in Memory and Honor per the insert in Bulletin

North Main Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday March 24 Immediately after service today
Monday March 25, 2024 Free Lunch 11:30 AM -12:30 PM with Northville & No Bush
March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday Service in Chapel @ 4:00 PM w/Communion
March 29, 2024 Good Friday Service @ 4:00 in Chapel - Lighting the 14 Candles of the Tenebrae Service - Walk to the Cross Outside the Church at end of service - prayers
March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Service in Sanctuary @ 10:30 AM w/Communion

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "We will keep our Faith Alive" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

As we rejoice in this day that you have made, awaken our ears to hear your word; awaken our hearts to listen for your wisdom. Jesus is with you, celebrating this day and walking all the way to the cross with you. As we bless your name and sing with joy, as we celebrate your presence with palms and praises, guide us to live your teachings and help us to celebrate this day, for God offers redemption to people of every generation, making new life possible for everyone through Jesus Christ.

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.

GATHERING SONG "The Palms" Insert in Bulletin

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. Help us this day to know that the Lord is God, and that Christ's face shines upon us. Amen

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 Where he leads me, I will follow (refrain) UMH 338

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Come to the Water” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

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 (in unison) 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

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

SHARING THE STORY “ False Expectations” Pastor Joyce Royal

SENDING SONG “All Glory, Laud and Honor” UMH 280

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. Christ goes before us as the way, the life. Go now and prepare for Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “All Glory Loud and Honor” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Claudia Groleau, Sandy Marsh’s Mother in Law’s family, Family of Lillian Chase, Family of Linda Sammons, Calae Bonfey, Richard Nellis, Linda Howland, Louise Medbury, Kim

Gottschalt, Charles and Leslie Arnold, Dave Winnie, Paul and Helene Hohn, Crystal Lee, Beverly Bartlett, Kathy Malley, Elaine & Art Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Steve Miles

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