

March 29, 2026 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. Let us today prepare our hearts for a beautiful holy week of faith, hope, and renewal. Palm Sunday reminds us of humility, love, and the beginning of a sacred journey. May these coming days fill your life with peace, blessings, and spiritual strength. Wrap yourself up in Jesus.

Flowers & Memorial Boxes on Alter are in Memory & Honor per the insert in Bulletin

March 30, 2026 Free Lunch 11:00 AM -12:30 PM w/ North Main UMC

April 1, 2026 - Captain Outreach Ministry @ 1:30 Congregational Church

April 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday Service in Chapel @ 4:00 PM

April 3, 2026 - 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

April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday Service in Sanctuary @ 10:30 AM w/Communion

April 20, 2026 - Monthly Food Pantry - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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 in to them. (Take a moment for silent 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 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (UMH 278) Chancel Choir

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

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

God of compassion, your love is so great that you have 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 (Responsive) “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”

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

THE SENDING FORTH

Gracious God, the road has been long. As we move into the week ahead, please bless us with the insight to know the way of Jesus, the courage to hold firm to His ways when the crowds try to lead us astray. Give us the strength to follow the way of Your steadfast love that never fails.

We ask 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

Lectionary Reader Penna Smith, Certified Lay Servant

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: The family of Jack Fitzgerald, The family of John Chiachierreta, Samantha Bielli (Gaulin), Dorothy Holly, Warren Baldwin, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Mike Frederick, Carol Sinsigalli, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords, Don Williams

** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902 **