

*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**

*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.*

*A nursery for children ages 5 and under is on the lower level and includes a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper-level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.*

**Prelude**     *Hosanna!*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Théodore Dubois

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Welcoming New Members**

*Today we welcome Miala and Brad Hammond, Kelsey and Isaac Hanson, and Wendy Kidd to our congregation.*

**Congregational response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**Scripture Reading**

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Luke 19:28-40**

**One:** As Jesus approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**All:** **"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell that person, 'The Lord needs it.'"**

**One:** Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

**All:** **They replied, "The Lord needs it."**

**One:** They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, saying,

**All:** **"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

**One:** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

**Processional Hymn with Palms**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

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Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Stacy Carolan, trumpet; Velda Graham Bell, organ

**Introduction by handbells and trumpet.**

**Children's Message**

**Anthem**     *Hosanna in the Highest*

Carl Tuttle and Naomi Vear

JAM and the Peanut Butter Band; Beth Brophy, director

*Children may leave for Sunday School following the Anthem.*

\* Hymn     *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UM Hymnal #278

## Morning Prayer

Prayers of the Congregation

Jesus' Prayer

**Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.**

## Offering Our Gifts

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UM Hymnal #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sermon     *From Cheers to Jeers/Is Feeling Good Enough*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem     *The Lord is My Shepherd*

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director; Erin Wiig, oboe

## Extinguishing the Seventh Lenten Candle     *From Palm Sunday to Good Friday*

One: In this season of Lent, as we prepare for Good Friday, we *extinguish* a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death.

All: **Jesus came into the world to be the light that guides us to God. During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus.**

One: The week we call Holy Week begins so well: shouts of joy, waving palm branches, a parade.

All: **But the people weren't willing to continue following when it was costly, risky, unpopular.**

One: The week ends so grimly: thorns, nails, a wooden cross, and execution. Lord, give us courage to hear the story and to walk the journey. Be with us on the way. We extinguish the final candle with the confession that we have allowed others to define us rather than the light of Christ.

\* Hymn     *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord*

UM Hymnal #285

*While we sing this hymn, the altar will be draped in black in preparation for Holy Week.*

## Benediction

Postlude     *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

Helmut Walcha

Velda Graham Bell, organ

\* Please stand as you are comfortable



## Announcements

**Please remember to fill out the Connect Cards** each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

**Guests:** Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

**Please join us for coffee and doughnuts** in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

**Faith Forum will not be held next week, Easter Sunday.** Join us the following Sunday, April 7, from 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge when Tom and Linda Wiig will talk about installing solar panels in their home.



### HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday Last Supper and Service of the Shadows**, Thursday, March 28, at 7pm will include Holy Communion and journeying all the way to Jesus' death.

**Good Friday Service**, Friday, March 29, at noon in the Three Brothers Chapel, will walk us through Jesus' death and the events of the last hours of his life.

**Easter Sunrise Service**, Sunday, March 31 at 7am, will be a short service in the Sanctuary featuring Tapestry.

**Easter Morning Coffee Hour** will take place between the two services, from 9-9:45 in Lakeview Social Hall.

**Easter Worship**, Sunday, March 31 at 10am, will be our traditional worship service with Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, orchestra, and organ. There will be an Easter egg hunt for children.

**Our Lenten/Easter giving:** half of our financial giving will go to the church's operating budget, which makes everything we do possible. The other half will be split between Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior and the Duluth NAACP Ignite Empower Transform Foundation. We will also be collecting food for the Food Shelf every week in March, as part of the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign.

**A gift to light the church** for the week of March 17 was made by MaryAnne and Charley Korsch in honor of what would have been Barbara and Dick Carlson's 70th wedding anniversary on March 20. The gift will also benefit the Memorial Gardens.

**Guest WIFI Network:** FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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# All Glory, Laud and Honor

Introduction: Handbells and trumpet  
Congregation begins singing when organ enters.



1. All glo - ry, laud and hon - or, to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to  
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high, And  
3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise; to



whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. Thou  
we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply. The  
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise. Thou



art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who  
peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our  
didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring, who



in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski for handbells, organ, trumpet and congregation. © 1986 by AGAPE*