

April 2, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday

Welcome Guests! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today! In the mighty name of our living Lord Jesus,

We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.

The asterisk () Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Gathering

Announcements/Joys and Celebrations

Donations for **Bread of Life Homeless Shelter**. Our 2023 Local Mission Initiative: \$2500/year, \$50 per week goal.
Contributions as of 3/26/23: \$505



Finding Our Quiet Center -

Prelude (Surely the Presence)

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Prayer

Lay Leader

* Call to Worship

One Voice: Honor, praise, and glory!

Many Voices: Honor, praise, and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

One Voice: In celebration, we join those crowds in Jerusalem,

Many Voices: Waving palm branches, welcoming the Messiah.

One Voice: And yet our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end there, with a triumphant parade.

Many Voices: We know what lies ahead.

One Voice: Today also anticipates the rest of the story.

Many Voices: A story of betrayal and death, but followed by one of hope and resurrection.

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 NRSV pg. 23 Lay Leader

***Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs 1, 3, 4) **#280**

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV pg. 197 Pastor Eleanor

Our Time of Prayer Pastor Eleanor

We come together with prayers of Joy & Thanksgiving, and with prayers for Love, Healing and Wholeness. We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us. Today, is there an experience of God that you might share in praise of God?

The Lord's Prayer (Will be recited during our Thanksgiving and Communion Service)

Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word

Our Prayer of Dedication (Shared together) Lay Leader

No offering we could give can compare, O God, with your offering of your Son, Jesus, and the self-offering he made on the cross. And yet may that example move us beyond giving toward the genuine offering of ourselves in obedient service. It is in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Special Music "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Our Choir

Meditation: "Holy Week" by Ann Weems

Scripture: Matthew 26:14-16, 30-35 NRSV pg. 29 Lay Leader

***Hymn:** "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs 1) **#289**

Scripture: Matthew 26: 46-58 NRSV pg. 30 Lay Leader

***Hymn:** "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs 2) **#289**

Scripture: Matthew 26:69-27: 2; 11-26 NRSV pg. 31 Pastor Eleanor

***Hymn:** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs 1&2) #286

Service of Thanksgiving and Communion Pastor Eleanor
(See Bulletin Insert) and Kathy Gerard

Meditation: "Were You There?" by J. Barrie Shepherd

Scripture: Matthew 27:27-51, 54 NRSV pg. 32 Pastor Eleanor

***Hymn:** "When I survey the Wondrous Cross" (v 1&2) #298

Time of Joys & Celebrations

Benediction

Postlude – "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Please remain seated

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visit our website. Here you will find:

- A complete church calendar.
- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

Pastor: Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth

Lay Leaders: Carol Johnson & Kathy Gerard

Choir Director: Don Petersen

Pianists: Gwen Chase **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens

Office Support Ministry: Kathy Gerard



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a United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to live our experience of God's
love in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community
in the manner of Christ, where all are
welcome and cared for...