

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



*Palm Sunday*

**April 2, 2023**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Forrest Horn

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**People: We will journey through praise with joy on our lips. We will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for. He is the Word that sustains us.

**People: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him to cushion his walk.**

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

#### **\*HYMN**

TFWS #2109

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Blessed God, you march into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, and we cheer with the frantic crowd. But do we know the real reason you are here? Are we prepared to accept the truth of the coming cross? Please help us to understand the reason for your triumphant entry. As we worship your holiness, give us wisdom this day to comprehend the grace you bestow on us every day. Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Diane Horn

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Illuminating God, guide us through the wisdom of your Spirit, that we might see what you are calling us to see, to know what you are calling us to know, and to feel what you are calling us to feel, that we may respond to your Gospel call of grace with gladsome hearts and minds. Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**NT #21**

Matthew 21:1-11

**SERMON**

Rev. Meegian Gossard

“This Is the Day”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**UMH #881**

The Apostles’ Creed

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Lady Imperio

“God Has Exalted Him”

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH #95**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**UMH #12**

**WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN**

**UMH #290**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**AMEN RESPONSE**

“Let the Church Say Amen”

**Let the church say amen, let the church say amen.  
God has spoken, so let the church say amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**WELCOME**

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor’s card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Please join us for our Holy Week services this week.**

**Maundy Thursday Service - April 6, 6:30 pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 7, 6:30 pm  
Easter Morning Sunrise Service with Breakfast -  
April 9, 6:45 am, CLC  
Easter Worship Service - April 9, 11:00 am**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, April 3

6:30 UMM – CLC

Wednesday, April 5

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study – Crossroads Classroom

5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, April 6

6:30 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

6:30 Good Friday Service

**(church office closed)**

Sunday, April 9

6:45 am Sunrise Service with breakfast afterwards  
- CLC

11:00 am Worship Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday school groups each Sunday Morning:

**Crossroads SS Class** meets via Zoom at 9 a.m.  
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

**Pathfinder SS Class** meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

**Children's SS Class** meets at 9:45 am in the nursery in the Education building.

## HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will receive these requests and lift them up for prayer during worship.

## 2023 FINANCES

**2023 Budget = \$229,008.00**

**Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00**

**Received for General Budget on 03/26/23 = \$3,875.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$39,627.00**

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.