

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

Palm/Passion Sunday

**Welcome** *Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome*

**\*\*Call to Worship** (*Liturgist parts are indicated in BOLD and \*\**)

**\*\*Good Morning, I am Malorie Packard, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

**\*\*Leader: Hosanna to the one who comes in God's name. Shout your blessings! Sing your praises!**

People: Christ opens our eyes to better ways of living, not as haughty rulers, but as humble servants.

**\*\*Leader: Have the mind of Christ among yourselves, that you may be emptied of pretense and false pride.**

People: In Christ we are freed to be fully human, to celebrate and use our gifts to God's glory.

**\*\*Leader: Give thanks to God, who has so richly blessed us; Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

People: This is the day that God has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**\*\*Will you join us in our opening song, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna", hymn #278, and the words will be on the screen.**

**Children's Time**

**Choir Anthem "At the Foot of the Cross" By Susan Naus Dengler and Lee Dengler**

**Community Notes - Doug Lamborne "Raise the Roof"**

## **Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts**

*(Pastor Jeff will first do the prayers, Liturgist will read Invitation & pray)*

**\*\*Invitation: What do we have to give? Time? Organizing skill? A listening ear? For what are we most thankful? Family? Friends? Education? Meaningful work and activities? The gift of life and breath? All good things we possess and all the time we enjoy on this earth are gifts from God. We are invited to a generous offering of thanksgiving.**

**\*\*Will you pray with me? Use what we have to share, God of all people, so more of your children may know the good news of Christ. If we had a donkey, we would loan it. If we had branches, we would wave them. When we have extra garments, we would honor Christ by clothing our shivering sisters and brothers. We do have much to give, and we cherish the joy of giving. Bless these tokens of the fuller commitment they are meant to represent. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*\*Scripture Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**As this is a reading from the Gospel, please stand in body or spirit.**

**When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

**This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!**

**Meditation** Pastor Jeff Williams

**Reading of the Passion** - Pete Blinkilde. Nancy Cooley, Malorie Packard, and Chris Ritter

**Closing Song** “*Were You There*” Hymn #288 - verses 1, 2, and 5

**Leave in Silence while piano plays**