

The liturgical color is purple, representing both royalty and penitence.

PRELUDE	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Amy Bender, organist	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
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WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Today, we step into the story—a story that begins with joyful shouts and waving palms, but moves swiftly toward shadows and sacrifice.
Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! We raise our voices with the crowd.
The road to Jerusalem is paved with courage and sorrow, with celebration and confrontation. We come to walk that road with Christ.
We come, not only to wave palms, but to hear the cries of a world in need. We come to remember the price of love.
As the choir leads us through the mystery of this holy week, may our hearts be open to both the joy and the cost of discipleship.
All: Let us worship the One who comes in glory and in grace, riding not to conquer by force, but to save by love.

*OPENING HYMN	“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”	UMH 278
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Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Jeanette Threlfall. She was born in Blackburn, England in 1831. Though suffering from poor health much of her life, she wrote hymns and taught Sunday School. The words in this hymn reference the children’s role on Palm Sunday. Jeanette Threlfall died in London in 1890. The music to this hymn was harmonized by William Henry Monk. Monk was born in London, England in 1823. He was a church organist, musician and choirmaster at St. Matthias Church in London. He also served as choirmaster at Kings College, London. Dr. Monk was also the first music editor of the hymnal Hymns Ancient and Modern which sold over 60 million copies. Our hymnal lists several other arrangements by Monk. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music by Durham University, Durham, England. He died in London in 1889.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE	Luke 19:35-40, p. 743
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SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #95**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Hosanna, O Christ—You gave yourself in love, not counting the cost. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and as offerings of our hearts. May they bear witness to Your way of peace, Your path of compassion, and Your call to follow—even when the road is hard. Use them, and use us, to bring hope to a hurting world. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF CENTERING	“O How He Loves You and Me”	TFWS 2108
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Lenten Cantata
“Blessed”

A Holy week Journey Through the Beatitudes
Music by Joel Raney
Words by Pamela Stewart

Liese and Ken Vito, Narrators

Blessed Palm Sunday (the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem) <i>Willie Dycks, soloist</i>	Behold the Lamb Good Friday (Pilate's Court/The Crucifixion)
All I Have Maundy Thursday (The Last Supper)	Eleison, Have Mercy Good Friday (The Cross)
See Him Weeping Maundy Thursday (Gethsemane)	I Hunger, I Thirst Good Friday (The Cross)
An Eye for an Eye Maundy Thursday (The Arrest and Trial)	My God, My God, My Father Good Friday (The Cross/The Death)

Prayer of Gratitude
Please refrain from applause



Orchestra

Piano	Bonnie Budziak
Flute	Judy Elias
Oboe	Jeff Kish
French Horn	Harlan Meinwald
Violin	Maria Vinas
Cello	McKinley Glasser

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT



Altar Flowers are presented by Carol Haines
In Loving Memory of Jacque Haines,
Husband, Father, Grandfather



*If you have questions look for an individual with the "Ask Me"
button and they will be happy to help you!*

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Blessed

Palm & Lenten Cantata Sunday

Traditional Worship

April 13, 2025

The thirsty I will satisfy; the hungry I will fill.

I hunger for your will, Lord, to leave no task undone,
To finish what was given me, to end what I’ve begun.

I thirst, O how I thirst for you. A bitter drink they raise.
My Father, it will soon be done, completed for your praise.
A broken vessel emptied out, surrendered to your will,
the thirsty I will satisfy; the hungry I will fill.

My God, My God, My Father

Blessed are those persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs it the kingdom of heaven.

Father, your only Beloved has become a thing of scorn.
It pleases the crowd to mock me; they have crowned my head with thorns.
They took away all my garments to inflict a sense of shame.
Look upon your Lamb and answer as I call upon your name.

My God, my Father, in your mercy, hear my plea.
I lift my eyes, my eyes to heaven; do not hide your face from me.

Father, we were as one when I was your true delight. We were one at the beginning;
You were always at my side.
I lift my voice to you, Father. Do not turn your ear away.
My people have all betrayed me, and the lonely grave awaits.

My God, my Father, tell me why have you forsaken me?
Into your arms receive my spirit. Near your heart, Lord, carry me.

Come to me, you have been faithful. Child of God, my precious Son, come to me, your work is done.
Pure in heart, and pure in spirit, I am pleased with you, my Son.
Come to me, Blessed One, my own Beloved. Come to me and weep no more.
Near my heart, where I have loved you. Come and rest for evermore.

Blessed

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Behold the King, Jerusalem! Come and prepare the way.
Welcome him, the Son of David; honor him with your praise.

Lift the gates that he may enter. Open the ancient doors.
Blessed is the King of Glory! Blessed is he, the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Lift your voice and sing!
Behold the Messiah! Blessed is the King!

Where is his robe, his diadem, the noble steed he rides?
Who sounds the lofty trumpet call? Who holds his banner high?
Where is the glory of his throne, the title that he bears?
Where are the members of his court, the royal ring he wears?

Come to me, my ways are simple. Come to me, my burden light.
I am meek, my heart is gentle, humble as the colt I ride.

Come to us, O King of Glory. Enter the ancient doors.
Blessed is the Son of David! Blessed are you, the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Lift your voice and sing!
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All I Have

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Who will be the greatest in the kingdom that will come?
Can you do as I must? Will you do as I have done?
The first will be the last, and the least I will exalt.
No one will be greater than the servant of them all.

Love as I have loved. Serve as I have served. All I have I give. All I am is yours.

My hands have broken bread; they have poured the cup of wine
and washed away the dust from your feet as you have dined.
See my hands before you. I will spread them out to give my love, my life, my all,
so that each of you might live.

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See Him Weeping

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Behold my servant; see him weeping, mourning his beloved friend as for a dear devoted brother.
How he loved him to the end.
Jesus mourns, a man of sorrow. See the heartache on his face.
Look upon the one who suffers; mourn the one who takes your place.

Behold my servant; see him weeping, mourning for Jerusalem.
He longs to gather all her children, but they will not come to him.
Jesus mourns, a man of sorrow. See the heartache on his face.
Look upon the one who suffers; mourn the one who takes your place.

Behold my servant; see him weeping with an angel standing near.
Look upon his pain and suffering as he drinks the cup of tears.
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An Eye for an Eye

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

The torches reveal the Messiah as he turns his cheek to the one who betrays a friend for the silver to the soldiers and guards who come.
He could call his Father in heaven where thousands of angels await to deliver him from this danger, but instead he makes peace with his fate.
“It is taught, and eye for an eye, and heard, a tooth for a tooth.
But I say, if they strike your face, offer the other cheek too.”

Like a lamb, they lead him to slaughter. Not a word he says in reply to those who accuse him of treason. He will not admit nor deny.
To the whip he offers his body, and he turns his cheek to the hand.
The peace that they witness before them is beyond what they understand.
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Behold the Lamb

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God!

Behold the Lamb, bruised and wounded, as he stands before the crowd.
In the balance hangs the verdict. As he waits, his head is bowed.
The judgment: “He is innocent.” “Crucify him!” the reply.
Let his blood be on our children. “Crucify him! He must die!”

Behold the Lamb of God whose sheep have gone astray.
The Lord has laid on him the guilt, the sin, the shame.

Behold the Lamb, pierced and bleeding in each place the hammer falls.

His appearance barely human, on a cross he hangs for all.
He bears the sins of his children high upon Golgotha’s hill.
Pure and blameless, he redeems them with each drop of blood he spills.

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Eleison, Have Mercy

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Have mercy, Son of David. Have mercy on me.
If you can make the lame to walk, then help my eyes to see.
You could heal me with a touch or heal me with a word.
See me with compassion, Lord, and let your heart be stirred.

Kyrie eleison. Have mercy, I pray.

From the cross there comes a plea, “Remember me, I pray.
Have mercy on me, Jesus, I ask of you this day.”
The Messiah slowly turns to face the man and say,
“My son, you shall be with me, my son, you shall be with me in paradise today.”

Jesus looks into the crowd, his children gone astray.
His heart fills with compassion as he begins to pray:
“Father, please forgive them; they know not what they do.
With mercy look upon them, for they belong, they belong to you.

Kyrie eleison. Have mercy, I pray.

I Hunger, I Thirst

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be satisfied.

I see the thirst within you, the desert of your need.

You try to quench the longing, and yet it never leaves.
But, woman, if you knew me, you’d ask and I would pour a cup of living water,
and you would thirst no more.

I thirst to do my Father’s work, I hunger for his will.
The thirsty I will satisfy; the hungry I will fill.
You fret about tomorrow and worry for today.
You have witnessed miracles but have such little faith.
You’ve felt the Father’s power and held it in your hands.
Brothers, I am going soon. When will you understand?

I thirst to do my Father’s work, I hunger for his will.

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