

+ Those who are able are invited to stand.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS - The Faith We Sing
You are invited to respond with the **Boldface** responses.

PRAYER FOR CENTERING

Blessed Hosanna, who saves us with love, draw us close on this Hosanna Day. Remind us that you are with us always, in all moods and seasons, in all our doubts and fears. May we draw close to you at this time—after the palm branches have withered and the songs of praise have died away—may our love for you remain steadfast and true. Amen.

THANKS BE TO GOD! WELCOME TO PALM SUNDAY!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Renee Warner

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE

Dan Martin

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Acolytes

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Open wide the gates of your hearts.

Let the Savior enter!

Shout with joy, all you people.

The Savior comes bringing peace.

Let all creation shout!

Let us wave the palm branches high.

Jesus is coming!

He comes in humility to claim God's own.

May he claim us this day and heal our hearts! Hosanna to the Son of David.

Hosanna to the blessed Son of God.

+INVOCATION

Responsively

Hosanna!

Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name!

We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing the most precious gift.

Let the joy fill our hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day! Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, vv. 1,2,3 and repeat 1

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES HOSANNA!

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

AFFIRMATION FROM I TIMOTHY *Responsively* There is one God, and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

UMH 280

All Glory, Laud and Honor

THE CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATES

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jeff Irwin—Transfer of Membership *Carolyn Brown*—Transfer of Membership

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

David Rowan

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME *Responsively* Members of the household of God, I commend these persons and their families to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their Faith, confirm their Hope, and perfect them in Love.

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.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

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.

RESPONSE

UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision, v. 3

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE CHURCH FAMILY SHARES OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Dan Martin

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

+THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME UMH 451

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, v. 3

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

WIGGLETIME

Following Wiggletime, Children may join the Leaders in Linger Hall for CHILDREN'S CHURCH

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. M. Steven Meadows

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION

+THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

UMH 159

Lift High the Cross

The Acolytes

Jesus said, "You are the Light of the world."

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

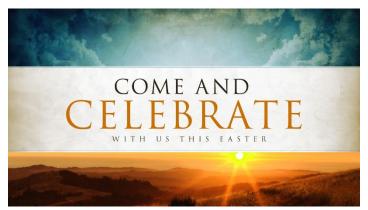
Dan Martin

...AND THE WORSHIP CONTINUES

HOLY WEEK







Easter Sunday--March 31 10:40 AM

