

# Palm Sunday

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## GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome to Worship. We are so glad that you are joining us today. We worship God in ways that are both ancient and modern, steeped in church tradition and open to God's ongoing call in our lives. We invite you to open your spirit to this time of worship, song, prayer, inspiration and challenge.

In consideration of others, please silence electronic devices.

"+" indicates to stand in body or spirit as you choose.

### +INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

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

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

**We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk**


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

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

### PROCESSIONAL

*All Glory, Laud and Honor (UMH 280)*

*REFRAIN:*



All glo - ry, laud and hon - or, to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. [END]

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high,  
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with psalms be - fore thee went;  
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,  
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply. RETURN TO REFRAIN  
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 280.

Words: St Theodulph of Orleans 8-9 century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851. Music: ST THEODULPH by Melchior Teschner, 1615. Public Domain.

### WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

*Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.  
Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Christians.  
As the children gather, we sing together.*

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### 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**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

## LET'S CONNECT!

Connect cards are located in each pew. Please use a Connect Card to provide or update your contact information, for information on church programs, make a prayer request or communicate a message to our pastors. Place completed cards in the offering boxes near the back and parking lot doors to the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

The entire congregation shares in offering the ministries of this church. Some of the people who help lead our ministries include:

**Today's Worship Liturgist:**  
Paul Audley

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Acolytes:**  
Kevin Wang  
Stone Ma  
Savannah Niemann  
Logan Niemann

## FLOWERS

The flower display has been donated by Marilynne and Roger Wilander and arranged by Paul Audley to the glory of God and in honor of Judy Woodmancy's birthday.

## OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

Giving supports all of the ministries of the church, making it possible for us to offer ministries of hope, hospitality, service and compassion in Pasadena, and around the world.

If you'd like to partner with us and make a financial gift today, you may use your phone to scan the QR code below.



### TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. - Children's Music Classes (Education Wing)
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 12:45 p.m. - Resound Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 p.m. - Movie Night: Oppenheimer (Church Lounge)
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group and Dinner (Youth Lounge)

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

*Hosanna to the King*

Dan Forrest

**SERMON**

Pastor Amy Aitken

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**+PRESENTATION MUSIC**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*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.*

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

**+CLOSING HYMN**

What Wondrous Love is This

UMH 292

**+BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Palm Sunday Recessional*

June Nixon (b. 1942)

## JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY



**MARCH. 28** MAUNDY THURSDAY -  
DINNER AT 6:00 P.M.  
SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M.

Special Service at St. James Methodist Church

**MARCH. 29** GOOD FRIDAY - 7:00 P.M.

Worship Service in our Chapel

**MARCH. 31**

EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Worship Service in our Sanctuary