

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2, 2023**

Welcome and Announcements:

Sharon Shutzer

Please gather outside of the Front Door with Palm Branches following the announcements

*Hymn of Proclamation:

"Shout to the Lord"

TFWS #2074

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Pastor: Hear from the Gospel according to Mathew 21:5-9 how our Lord Jesus entered into Jerusalem.

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE: (*Waving Palm Branches)

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *

Leader: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

People: Let the Savior enter! *

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest! *

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! *

*Processional Hymn:

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Almighty God, on this day, your Son, Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn:

"I Love to Tell the Story"
(V. 1 and Chorus)

UMH #156

[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday's service.]

Pastoral Prayer:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21:1-11

Bob Sterling

Message:

"Do Ordinary Things with Extraordinary Love"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Invitation to the Offering:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Our Mission Offering will benefit The Maker's Place. You can make a donation through our Giving Page:

www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Entrance into Jerusalem"
(F.U.M.C. Choir)

Wes Cameron

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer:

Thank you, O God, for coming to us in Christ Jesus. Work through these gifts, that the world might know the breadth of your mercy and your grace. Bless our very lives, that we might be faithful disciples and stewards of your love. With gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

Sung Responses

“Communion Settings”

UMH pages 12-14

TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn:

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH #431

Communion Prayer: (In Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

“We Sang Our Glad Hosannas”
(v. 1-4)

TFWS #2111

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

TFWS #2112

Scripture Passage for Sunday, April 2, 2023

Liturgist: Bob Sterling

Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Jesus’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”^[a] ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “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.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Shout to the Lord
TFWS #2074

(Verse)

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

(Chorus)

Shout to the Lord,
All the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty,
Praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You,
Forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
UMH #278

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.

From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.
(Continued...)

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

I Love to Tell the Story
UMH #156
(v. 1, and Chorus)

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do

(Chorus)

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #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.

Communion Settings:
TFWS #2257
(b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,

(Continued...)

Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Let There Be Peace on Earth
UMH #431

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;

**We Sang Our Glad Hosannas
TFWS #2111**

We sang our glad hosannas
And waved our branches high,
But somewhere silent, frowning,
As Jesus rode on by.

They sought a royal Savior,
But did not understand
A king could rule by loving
Instead of by command.

We heard an angry Jesus
In temple courts declare,
"Be gone, you money changers!
This is a house of prayer."
Though many came for healing
And stayed to hear his word,
Still others, hostile, plotted
And thus his death assured.

We served him at the table
With wine, unleavened bread.
"The one who will betray me
Now eats with me," he said.
His friends would not believe him,
But one by one that night,
As soldiers came to take him,
They scurried out of sight.

We saw a suffering Jesus
Alone, without a friend,
And heard the voices shouting
Abuse until the end.
We wept as we stood watching
Love's light grow dim and die,
And cried "Why did this happen?
God tell us, tell us why!"

**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
TFWS #2112**

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by Himself.
O, nobody else could walk it for Him;
He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
O, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
O, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.

April 2, 2023 - Announcements:

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold on this Palm Sunday. Whether you are joining us online or are here in person, we are glad you are with us.

Easter Flower orders are due today! If you need a form, you can pick one up in Fellowship Hall. You can give your order form with payment to Carol Davison after service.

Next week is **Holy Week**. Join us for our special Holy Week services:

April 6th is Maundy Thursday. Service will be held upstairs in Wesley Hall and will be followed by our Soul Supper. This supper will be a simpler one in keeping with the Maundy Thursday ambiance. There will be two kinds of soup, bread, and tossed salad. Several different bars will be served for dessert.

April 7th is Good Friday. Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will also be livestreamed.

April 9th – Easter Sunday. There will be an Ecumenical SonRise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Lake Topanemus. Then, our traditional Easter service will begin at 10 a.m.

All children and grandchildren are invited to our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 8th at 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

We are continuing to collect diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6 for **The Maker's Place**. Our goal is to collect 250 cases of diapers before our **Diaper Packing Event** on April 16th. Please place cases of diapers in Missions Hall.

Come support United Theatre's first community outreach/fundraising event: **"Open Mic Night" – Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.** Whether you want to show off your talent, or just relax and enjoy the entertainment, it's sure to be a good time. Tickets are \$5. Concessions will be sold at the event. Find us on Facebook and Instagram at United Theatre Inc.

Or contact us at: unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com to sign up.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold after service.

Please join is in Fellowship Hall following service for **fellowship time and refreshments**.

Now, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.