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Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

L: Rejoice, for your king comes to you — humble, and riding on a donkey.

P: We welcome Christ with joy and expectation.

L: Lift your hearts, lay down your cloaks, and open your lives to his reign.

P: Hosanna! Christ comes to save and to lead us in peace.

HYMN #265 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

(wave palm branches during first and last chorus)

CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come to you just as we are. You meet us with love, yet we sometimes lose our way and forget to follow where you lead. At times we hold back — unsure, distracted, or afraid — when you are always drawing near. Gently turn our hearts back to you. Help us to walk in your peace and trust in your grace.

ASSURANCE

Jesus comes to us in gentleness and love, not to condemn, but to draw us near. In him, we are met with mercy, held in grace, and led into new life. Thanks be to God.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21: 1-11

MEDITATION

HYMN #267 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

PASTORAL 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, as the crowds offered what they had — cloaks laid down and branches waved — we offer these gifts to you. Receive them as signs of our gratitude and our desire to follow Christ. Use them to bring hope, healing, and peace into a world that longs for your kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 22: 7-13

HYMN #272 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#250 verses 1, 4)
Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.

And though the road is hard and steep,
the Spirit ever calls us on
through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
until we see the coming Dawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Dean & Linda Olah in memory of father, Rolly and brother, Todd.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Thursday at 7 pm.

LIBRARY HOURS – Every Saturday from 10 am until noon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

3/29 Charlie Horst

4/1 Luke Caffrey, Jr.

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GIVING THUS FAR--\$8,181.00