

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

Shepherd of Israel

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ranson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

*OPENING PRAYER

Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

Written by Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott on the Worship Ways website at

<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/palm-passion-sunday-b-march-24/>

*OPENING HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Let's March

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"What Mt Vernon UMC Means to Me"
Mrs. Jean Carol Vernon

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

Marching Orders!

Rev. Penny G Rasnake

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Psalm 31:9-16

UMH # 765

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

In The Garden

Ray Hayes, soloist

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

UMH #521

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

T. Dubois/Blake

**Please stand as you are able*

*The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Vera Stephens on her birthday by Tommy Stephens*

Ways to Give

You can give as the offering plate is passed or by scanning the QR Code here



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