

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

***Responsive Benediction** (Matthew 27:54)

L: "Truly, Jesus was God's Son."

As disciples of Jesus, truly, you are God's children.

**P: Go into this week with the knowledge
that resurrection will come, in all matters of daily life.**

L: Be blessed and be a blessing,
with the courage to stand with those in need.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

P: Amen.

Postlude *He Is King of Kings* arr. Colin Curtis
Please be seated for the Postlude.

**Please stand as able*

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Michelle Wolter

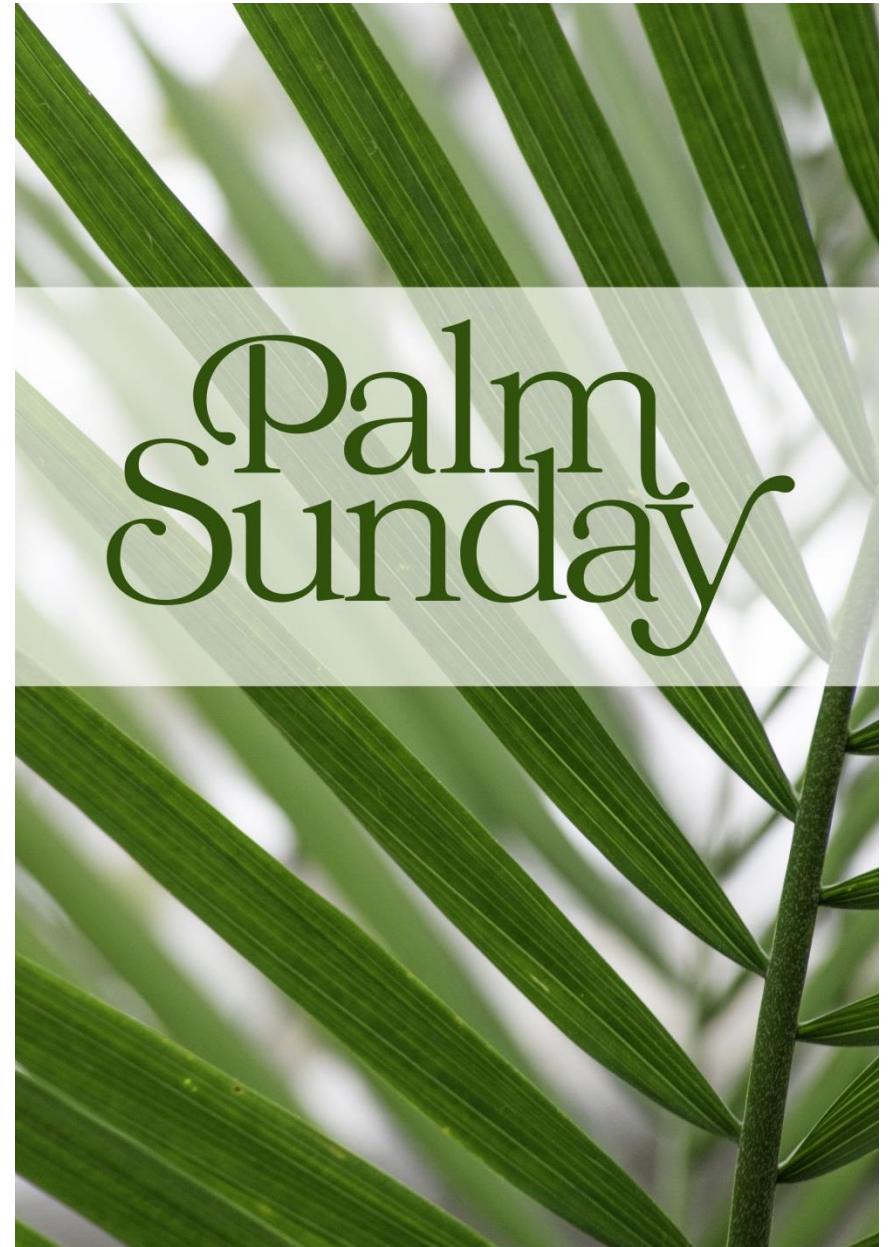
Greeters: Ellie and Jim Yager, Greg Lavelle

Ushers: Sarah Jackson, Sydney Scothon

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

P: **And also with you!**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *The Day of Palms* Robert J. Hughes

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 118) Michelle Wolter

L: Open the gates!

P: **Give us courage to walk through!**

L: Lay down the cloaks.

P: **We mark the journey to Love's reign.**

L: Lift up the branches!

P: **Let us boldly proclaim God's peace!**

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

***Unison Prayer**

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.

***Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 280
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Matthew 21, Psalm 118)

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance

L: Hear this good news! The procession is ever moving forward. We can join at any moment. The invitation still stands! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Hosanna to the King!* arr. Lloyd Larson

Invitation for the Offering

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings online (www.noumc.org/donate), by mailing a check to the church office, or in the offering plates that are passed during worship.

Offertory *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* arr. Milman

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277

Sermon "Save Us!" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm