

Prayer Concerns

*Condolences to the family of Will Stacho, on his passing	*Condolences to the family of Terry Crater, friend of Paul and Claudia T.
*Nancy, Barb B.'s cousin	° Claudia T.'s cousin, Lisa
*Daniel C., Deb and Joel's son	° Ron C.'s brother's girlfriend, Beth
° Sue G., lifted by Sharon W.	*Chris B.'s niece
Barb Bilas	

*=1 week °=2 weeks ' =3 weeks *=4 weeks on prayer list

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/16 Nick and Kelly Jona

4/19 Claudia Taller

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Liturgist: Rev. Alice Walsh

Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Liz Lavelle

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara, arr. Laurel Hunt Pederson

*Call to Worship

Rev. Alice Walsh

L: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

P: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

P: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

L: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

P: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

L: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

P: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!



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

***Responsive Prayer**

L: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

P: From hope to despair to hope again.

L: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

P: help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.

L: As the story unfolds,

P: open us to both the hope and the pain.

L: In this time of worship,

P: prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

***Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 280

Dedication and Blessing of Sanctuary Windows

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, with the psalmist, we declare, "Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!" But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, "Order them to stop!" But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. Amen.

Responsive Words of Pardon and Assurance

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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.

Anthem *Hosanna* Craig Courtney

Thankfulness for Our Offering

***Doxology** UMH 95

****Prayer for the Offering***

Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-40

Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* UMH 185

Sermon "Open the Gates" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* UMH 161

****Responsive Benediction***

L: Friends, go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever.

P: Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey.

All: Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God's love endures forever. Amen!

Postlude *Hosannah!* J.P.E. Hartmann
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*