

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

10 a.m. *Palm Sunday/Communion Sunday* April 2, 2023

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"God So Loved the World"* John Stainer; Arr. Benjamin Harlan
CUMC Adult Choir

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn;
But that through Him we might be saved.
God so loved the world. God so loved the world.*

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* UMH #278

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

One: Line the festival procession with branches.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: And together let us pray:

All: Blessed One, our hearts sing with the children when we see you ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. Our lips shout your praises, as you empty yourself to become servant of all. Open our hearts to the depth of your love, that we might walk faithfully with you during the long week ahead. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Amazing Grace"* UMH #378
Grace and Lori Benzoni

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God.
Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

THE PSALM READING Psalm 118:1-2; 19-24

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11

THE EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"From Palms to Passion"* Debbie Holland

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Blessed is He"* by Pepper Choplin
CUMC Adult Choir

Look in the distance. What can you see? I heard the Messiah is Coming. Could it be?

We have been praying and waiting so long. Now the crowds gather, I see it clear, the waiting is over and now the Messiah is here. He is here!

Arise and shine, your light is coming. Look and see! The glory of the Lord is rising, look and see the Lord. Come prepare the way before him, blessed is He. Make the highway straight before him blessed is the Lord. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Bring your joyful songs of praises, come and sing. Raise your voice and wave, the branches, come and sing to the Lord. Hosanna. blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING 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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(From UMH Pgs. 9-11)*

Insert

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for Ukraine today. We pray for people suffering from war. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the war, O God. Remind in our inner hearts your words to fear not; to rest assured that today you promise that you will fight our battles. Amen.

*HYMN *"O How He Loves You and Me"*

TFWS #2108

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: The gates of righteousness are thrown wide.

All: **We go with Christ's blessing.**

One: The path of salvation is made plain.

All: **We will walk in the ways of truth and life.**

One: The cornerstone of our faith is sure.

All: **Our lives are built on the foundation of our God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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