Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 - 10:00 am

Prelude: I Will Greatly Rejoice in the Lord - Knut Nystedt

The Quartz Ensemble

Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, for my soul shall exalt in my God
For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation
He has covered me with a robe of righteousness
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels

For as the earth brings forth its shoots
And as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
Before all the nations!

The Chimes

Introit & Processional: Hosanna Loud Hosanna - Catherine Youngblood

Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, & Children's Choir

Susan Holder, soloist

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

Passing the Peace

Anthem: Jubilate Deo - Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Jesus enters the holy city not in power or splendor,but in humility and peace.

People: He comes among the people to reveal the light of God.

Leader: So come, let us open our hearts to the Lord

People: With joy and hope we welcome him. Hosanna in the highest!

***Opening Hymn: O Church of God, United** Red UM Hymnal #547

The Word for Children

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

***Gospel Lesson** - Luke 19: 28 - 41 Andrea Thorsen

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"
Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,
"Why are you untying the colt?"
They replied, "The Lord needs it."
They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"
"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."
As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said,
"If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem: Te Deum in C - Benjamin Britten
Chancel Choir

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles,
the goodly fellowship of the Prophets,
the noble army of Martyrs praise thee;
the holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee the Father of infinite Majesty,
venerating thine honourable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ:
thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee,
and we worship thy Name forever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Scripture Lesson - Psalm 31: 1- 5, 11-17 Andrea Thorsen

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be confounded: deliver me in thy righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God…

For I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!"

They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. Let me not be confounded, O Lord: for I have called upon thee.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

A Reflection on Holy Week Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

***Hymn of Preparation:** Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Red UM Hymnal #301

A Reflection on The Music Kirk Averitt

Anthem: Standing as I do before God - Cecilia McDowall

Quartz Ensemble

I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me ...
But this I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity,
I realize that patriotism is not enough.
I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone

And when the time was close, for once her eyes filled with tears,
then she quietly rose, walked silently through the stilled prison,
the grey dawn light, passed gas flame, tired flowers,
out beyond her final night, a flame alight in hours before infinity,
in the presence of death leaving all enmity in view of God,
we are air after breath.

Closing Unison Prayer

Merciful God,
in the quiet of this day,
we turn our hearts toward you.
As we enter the days of Holy Week,
draw us more deeply
into the mystery of Christ's journey
not only what has been,
but what is unfolding within us now.
Where our vision is clouded,
provide us with clarity.
Where our hearts are guarded,
gently open them with your love.
Teach us to walk the way of Christ
with humility, with courage,
with love that does not turn any away.

In these sacred days,
slow our steps,
steady our spirits,
and make us attentive to your presence
in stillness, in suffering,
in acts of quiet grace.
Help us to recognize
one another as your beloved,
and to trust that your love is at work
even where we cannot yet see it.
We offer ourselves to your purpose,
that we may be transformed
by the love that meets us at the cross
and leads us toward new life.
Through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Announcements Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

M. Archibald

***Closing Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane** Red UM Hymnal #290

Benediction Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

Benediction Resposne: The Old Rugged Cross - arr. Derric Johnson
The Quartz Ensemble

Postlude: Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure - Raymond Herbek

The Quartz Ensemble

Katelyn Dietz	Kim Dawson	Kirk Averitt	Ryan Brown
Emily LaSalle	Vera Lugo	Jonathan Byram	Sean Fitzpatrick
Abigail Whitman	Argenta Walther	Brian Sidders	Dylan Gentile

Dr. Joshua Harper, conductor

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Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
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At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.