

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 29 March 2026

Palm/Passion Sunday

ENTRANCE WITH THE PALMS

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

*Greeting***: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

(From Psalm 118)

*Collect and Thanksgiving over the Palms**:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to praise and bless you, O Almighty God,
for the acts of love
by which you have redeemed us
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
We remember the day when he entered
your holy city of Jerusalem and there
was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments
and palm branches in his path.

As we recall his coming in victory, so we ask
that you will bless these branches,
that they may be for us signs of the victory
which is yet to come.

We pray that as we carry them in his Name,
so we may ever acknowledge him
as the way that leads to eternal life;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**, *(Sarum, Alt.)*

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*Proclamation of the Triumphal Entry: Matthew 21:1-11

*Processional Hymn: 278 "Hosanna, Lord Hosanna"

*Psalter: *(Insert: Read responsively)* Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

Prayer for Illumination: 281 "Palm/Passion Sunday"

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalter: 764(5) *(Verses 9-16 only)* *(Response 1)* Psalm 31:9-16

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

*Passion Hymn: 292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Proclamation of the Passion Story: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page15ff)

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 84 "Thank You, Lord"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude, Going Forth