

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 2 April 2023

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

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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.)*

*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

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

*Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

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Offering/Offerory

*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**:

Lord of lords, Creator of all things,

God of all things, God over all gods,

God of sun and rain,

**you created the earth with a thought
and us with your breath.**

Lord, nature gives thanks,

your creatures give thanks.

Your praise rises in us like the great river.

Lord of lords, Creator, Provider,

we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen. (*Fritz Pawelzik, West Africa, 20 Cent., Alt.*)

*Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 536 "Precious Name"

*Blessing^: Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all. **Amen.**

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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