

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 2 April 2023**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**ENTRANCE WITH THE PALMS**

Proclamation of the entrance into Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1-11

Psalter: *(Insert, read in unison)* Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY**

Prayer: **In the formal ceremony of this day,  
may we offer you the praise you deserve, O Lord,  
and may our offering open our hearts  
to your constant comfort and guidance.  
Amen.**

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

Song: 277 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

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

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

**All are welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 536 "Precious Name"

Blessing: 281 "Palm/Passion Sunday"

Postlude/Extinguishing of Candles/Going forth