

# *Palm Sunday*

## *March 29, 2026*

### Hymn Sing

### Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

### Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice greatly, people of God!

**People: Our King comes to us—humble and riding on a donkey!**

L: Lift up your voices and wave your branches!

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: The King of peace enters our hearts and our lives.

**P: We welcome Him with joy and praise!**

L: Come, let us worship the One who brings salvation.

**ALL: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”      Page 278  
Procession of Palms:

### Opening Prayer

### Blessing of Palms

### Distribution of the Palms

\*Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Page 277  
“Jerusalem” by Don Maclean      Rev. Ed Deyton

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, We come before you with mixed hearts—  
Ready to shout “Hosanna,” yet slow to follow the way of the cross.

**People: We confess that we welcome you with our lips,  
But resist you with our lives.**

L: We want a King who meets our expectations,  
Yet turn away from the humble Savior you have sent.

**P: Forgive us for the times we praise you in worship  
But deny you in our actions.**

L: Forgive us when we choose comfort over compassion,  
Silence over justice, and fear over faith.

**P: Like the crowds who waved palms, We are quick to celebrate**

L: But slow to remain faithful when the path grows difficult.

**P: Turn our hearts again to you. Teach us to follow not only in  
moments of joy,**

L: But also in the costly way of love.

**ALL: Cleanse us, renew us, and make us faithful disciples  
Of the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: The One who entered Jerusalem to shouts  
of “Hosanna” did not turn away from the cross. In love and mercy,  
Jesus went all the way—bearing our sin, our brokenness, and our  
failures. God does not reject us for our weakness or our wandering.  
Instead, in Jesus Christ, God meets us with grace, forgiveness, and  
new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus  
Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Offering      “Lion of Judah” by Ray Boltz      Don Munro

Doxology      Page 95

\*Hymn      “All Glory, Laud and Honor”      Page 280

Scripture      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29      Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: *Hosanna! Save Us!*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn “Marching to Zion”      Page 773

### Benediction

#### Lay Readers

8:30 am Laura Melix

10:00 am Vonnie Jacquard

#### Coffee Hour

Judy Cross

Priscilla Tinsley

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday. If this is your first time with us, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

## ***Church Happenings***

**Easter Services: 6:30 am at Joshuas Pond**

**8:30 am and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary  
Maundy Thursday April 2, 7:00 pm**

**Welcome Committee Meeting April 2, 3:30 pm**

**Soup and Bread Supper April 2 6:00 pm before Maundy Thursday  
Worship**

**Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.**

**Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!**

**Please support Diane Huban in her mission to run the Boston  
Marathon on behalf of FamilyAid.**

**Needed: Plastic Easter eggs for our Egg Hunt to be held after  
church Easter Sunday. Wrapped candy to put inside the egg is also  
needed. Drop in the box outside Heather's office by 4 pm today.**

**"Wheels for Zeb" There is a calendar by the office to sign up to  
give Zeb Olsen a ride to church on Sunday mornings. He lives at 1  
Buckskin Path in Centerville and comes to the 10:00 am service.  
Barry Jones Henry is at Brookdale and would also love a ride to  
the 10 am service.**

**Book of Acts Lenten Bible Study last session this coming Tuesday  
at 6:30 pm. You may join the session through Zoom . ID  
89449810587 Password 754974.**

**Lend a Hand is looking for more volunteers. We meet every Mon-  
day morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.**

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*A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" - Matthew 21:8-9*

***Palm Sunday  
March 22, 2026  
Pastor John Wesley Taylor  
Music Today  
Janet Leahy & Brian Morris***