



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday ▪ March 24, 2024



— WE GATHER —

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

PRELUDE

Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)
Alicia Luttrell

Avila

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Zechariah 9:9

Travis Bedsole

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (verses 1 and 3)

UMH 278

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Greet those near you with "Peace be with you" and respond with "And also with you."*

— WE LISTEN —

ACT OF PRAISE

Hallelu, Hallelujah!
Ashland Place Children

arr. Haynie

Fanfare for Palm Sunday
Chancel Choir with Children's Ensemble and Teah Summers

arr. McDonald

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† Children up to 2nd grade may leave for the Nursery, **Bold** – Congregation Reads Aloud, ❖ Stand in body or spirit

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord Jesus, with the echoes of praise ringing in our ears, we come to hear your Word. Help us to avoid the near-sightedness of the people of old, who worshiped you as king on Sunday and chanted insults to you on Good Friday. Rather, strengthen us now by the hearing of your word, that we may remember your sacrifice and be reconciled anew to the message of your kingdom. Amen.

PSALTER READING *from Psalm 118*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, who has given us light.

Join the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

You are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

for God's steadfast love endures for ever!

❖ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (verses 1 and 3)

UMH 277

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!'

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!'

May God bless the reading of the Gospel. **Thanks be to God.**

— WE RESPOND —

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **universal*

♪ GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Watch the Lamb
 Don Bowden

Boltz

♪ DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

— WE GO FORTH —

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP *During the Hymn of Invitation, those who wish to join this congregation of the United Methodist Church are invited to join the pastors at the chancel rail.*

❖ HYMN OF INVITATION *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (verses 1, 2, 3) UMH 280

❖ BENEDICTION and BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Glad Hosannas

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✠ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are to the glory of God and in celebration of Lucy Gallé's 70th birthday, by her family.



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY | MAUNDY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY | EASTER

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

LENTEN LUNCHES

Fellowship Hall, Noon (Monday thru Wednesday)
Meals will be available; suggested donation of \$10.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm
Remembering the Last Supper of Christ in scripture, song, and Holy Communion. Service led by the Ascension Band and our pastors.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Sanctuary, 6:00pm
Remembering the Passion and Sacrifice of Christ through a Tenebrae Service with increased darkness through the gradual extinguishing of candles and the stripping of the altar. Special music by the Chancel Choir.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Celebration of our Risen Lord!

- ◆ **Sunrise Service, 7:00am**
Sanctuary Courtyard, at Old Shell and Wisteria
- ◆ **Ascension Service, 9:00am**
Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **Traditional Service, 11:00am**
Sanctuary

VBS & SERVICE SQUAD SIGN UP OPEN

June 10-13th is our Vacation Bible School & Service Squad. There will be a Sign Up online next week for participants and youth/adult volunteers. Children 4 years through rising 7th graders have programming.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, Ina Boykin, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Josh Gochey, Ruffin Graham, Bill Higgs, Tee Hope, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, *Sue Reed, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, Billie Scobey, Alan Smith (Maria Coleman's brother), Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), *Bob Thomson, *Joan Waldron, Kathryn Willingham
(*new this week)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. Please contact one of our pastors, or a staff member if we can assist you.
Senior Pastor Dr. Sterling Boykin sboykin@apumc.com
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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 24 –

Donuts & Coffee in Fellowship Parlor

9:00am **Ascension Service *** (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 Wesley Class Sunday School (Rm. 201)
10:00 Children's Sunday School (The Landing)
10:05 Young Adult Sunday School (Wisteria Parlor)
10:05 Confirmation (Rm. 202)
11:00 **Traditional Service *** (Sanctuary)
6:00pm Youth Group (Basement)

* Nursery- Infant-2nd grade is available (The Landing)

Monday

10:00 Ladies Bible Study (WP)
Noon Lenten Lunch, Rev. Lydia Johnson (FH)

Tuesday

10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (FP)
Noon Lenten Lunch, Dr. Ralph Wooten (FH)
5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study (WP)

Wednesday

Noon Lenten Lunch, Rev. Antonie Walker (FH)
5:00pm Handbells (Choir Room)
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday

7:00am Men's Bible Study (WP)
6:00pm **Maundy Thursday Service** (Fellowship Hall)

Friday

6:00pm **Good Friday Service** (Sanctuary)

WP-Wisteria Parlor, FH-Fellowship Hall, FP-Fellowship Parlor

Hymns for March 24th

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH 278

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH 277

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

All Glory, Laud and Honor

UMH 280

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

