

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions
April 5, 2009 **PALM SUNDAY ~ HOLY COMMUNION** **9:30 A.M. Service**

We welcome you to this service of praise and adoration. Let God speak to you through the songs and the message,
and enjoy the fellowship of those who are seeking the Lord and the spiritual help that we need for daily living.

WELCOME

Sue Harris, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all creation shout!

People: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

Leader: He comes in humility to claim God's own.

People: May he claim us this day and heal our hearts!

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: Hosanna to the blessed Son of God! AMEN.

WORSHIP IN SONG HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA (by Jeanette Threlfall)

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.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"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!

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ALMIGHTY GOD (Tim Hughes)

The rising sun that fills the sky, the starry host that lights the night, reflecting your glory. The mountain heights, forever stand, the rain that falls to soak the land respond to your glory. Almighty God in ev'ry way You are above and beyond understanding; if we did not praise, the rocks would cry out, Glorious God, high above understanding. Yeah.

The vast expanse of earth and sea, held by You in harmony, speaks of Your glory all You've made, since time began. Life itself; Your perfect plan, and its all for Your glory. Almighty God in ev'ry way You are above and beyond understanding; if we did not praise, the rocks would cry out, Glorious God, high above understanding.

Creation joins as one to sing "Glorious God," so far above all earthly things. Almighty God, in ev'ry way, you are above and beyond understanding; if we did not praise the rocks would cry out, Glorious God, high above understanding. Almighty God in ev'ry way, You are above and beyond understanding; if we did not praise the rocks would cry out Glorious God, high above understanding. Yes Lord. (2005 ThankYou Music)

HOSANNA (by Carl Tuttle)

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings; Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings. Lord, we lift up Your name,

With hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest. (1985 Mercy Publishing)

READING OF PSALM 118:22-29

The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success.

Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

O LORD, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL (By Keith Green)

O Lord, You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek;

For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire, that once burned bright and clear;

Replace the lamp of my first love, that burns with holy fear. (1980 Birdwing Music)

O TASTE AND SEE (by Robert Rhodes)

O taste and see that the Lord is good. O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the one that trusteth in him. Blessed is the one that trusteth in him. O taste and see that the Lord is good. O taste and see that the Lord is good. He is good, He is good, He is good. (1973 Robert Rhodes)

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED (by Paul Gerhardt)

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown: how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouch safe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee. (Public Domain)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: BLESS THE LORD From Psalm 102 (103)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul, He rescues me from death. (GIA Publications Inc.)

MISSIONS SPEAKER

Doug Sell, Chairman Missions

Commission

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD Scripture:

Mark 11:1-11

Message:

"Hosanna!"

Pastor Steve Donat

RESPONSE: Holy Communion

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - The congregation is invited to receive Communion at the Communion rails. Come forward when you are ready, and receive the Communion elements with joy. These symbols represent the Body and Blood of Jesus offered for our forgiveness and new life. The invitation to receive comes from Jesus himself, and is not based on membership in this or any other Church. While you are waiting for your place at the Communion rail, take advantage of this quiet time to meditate, and offer your personal prayer and praise to God.

(If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and the Elements will be brought to you).

For those members with grape juice allergies, whole grapes are available.

CLOSING HYMN 279 AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT (MANTOS Y PALMAS) *(by Ruben Avila)*

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Refrain: From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God.

With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth:

"Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"

As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King, to the living Savior who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith. (refrain) *(The United Methodist Publishing House)*

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

THE PEACE: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE in Room E101

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 612 Sunday School: 223

USHERS: Ed Henry, Valerie Henry, Kevin Stewart, Doti Stewart, Carlos Mocado

ACOLYTE: Olivia Bewley

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Bill & Julia Wood, to the Glory of God and in memory of daughter, Barbara Hagmaier, and son Robert.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb (husband of Barbara Webb), Janet Coshland (daughter of Alan Coshland), Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Matt & Kelly Petroski (friends of Rick & Linda Young), Elsie Stoud (friend of Doris Coshland), Joan Woodworth (Ann's sister-in-law), Mary Pintye (sister of Zollie Nemeth), Albert Borris, Milli Irwin, John Neslage, Sr. (Uncle of Monica Ruilova), Paul Pavlishin (grandson of Ada Campanile), Sandy (friend of Christa & Linda Whittendale and Amy Hamilton), Joe Sorrentino (friend of Joan & Dennis Flamini), Doug Gibson (friend of Rob Maines).

SERVING OVERSEAS: Kim Ortiz (niece of Ruth Gandek), Doug Ferrie, Jim Brant (nephew of Karen Halligan), Matthew McGill (son of Lillian McGill).