



Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Palm Procession

"Hosanna" by Carl Tuttle

Ruth Pfister, Piano; Adrienne Breeze, Guitar

Michelle van Staden, Adrienne Breeze & Avonne Frey, P.O.S.T. Coordinators

The congregation is invited to sing along. Please remain seated.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 118:22-26

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us!

Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

*Call to Worship – Zechariah 9:9

Jenny Bärlocher

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Hymn of Praise #89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Gracious God, we acknowledge before you today that our discipleship is often about doing more, performing better, and trying harder in order to earn your love.

People: Forgive us for denying the power of the cross.

Leader: Gracious God, we acknowledge before you today that our discipleship is so often about avoiding sacrifice, escaping service, and evading the surrender of ourselves to your will.

People: Forgive us for refusing the call of the cross.

All: Gracious God, through your Holy Spirit, enable us to live lives of joyful gratitude and selfless service in response to your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Colossians 2:13-15

Leader: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

People: And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Mark 8:34-37

Leader: Then Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

People: What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet" by Howard Nelson

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 22:1-5 (p. 554)

Jenny Bärlocher

New Testament Reading – Mark 15:21-24 (pp. 1022-1023)

Sermon – “On the Road to Calvary – Were You There?”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #88** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Dennis Kuriakose, Elder for Personnel,
Property & Planning

Offertory

“Open the Gates” by Stan Pethel

Adult Choir
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayers of the People

Dennis Kuriakose

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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.**

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Dennis Kuriakose

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication #97** “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Benediction

“Christ We Do All Adore Thee” by Théodore Dubois

Postlude

Fugue in E flat Major BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

****Please stand if you are able.***