



# WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY—5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 28, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

Dr. Sarah Roberts

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

“Palm Sunday Call to Worship”

by Thom Shuman

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

†OPENING PRAYER

†FIRST READING

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

†RESPONSE

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Hosanna to the Son of David! **Hosanna in the highest!**

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

†HYMN

*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.*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
*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.*

UMH 278

*“Hosanna in the highest!”  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemed,  
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.*

†AFFIRMATION

some shout hosanna → some shout crucify  
 some shout Jesus → some shout Barabbas  
 some wave palms → some shake their fists

*today we choose...*

some break bread → some break silence  
 some proclaim Jesus → some deny Jesus  
 some carry the cross → some run from the cross

*today we choose...*

some are angry → some rejoice  
 some anoint with costly perfume → some complain at the waste  
 some like the light → some prefer the shadows

*today we choose...*

some weep → some conspire  
 some follow → some hide  
 some believe → some betray

*today we choose*

to shout for life → to follow the cross  
 to break bread → to hold belief  
 to trust love → and tell the world

*we choose to follow Jesus.*

by Roddy Hamilton

†RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*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. Amen. Amen.*

"Glory be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke CCLI #1550924

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here Comes Our King

by Ruth Schram & Aren Williams

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken; music attr. To Louis Bourgeois CCLI #1550924

†HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

*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.*

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

*3. The people of the Hebrews  
 with psalms before thee went;  
 our prayer and praise and anthems  
 before thee we present.*

*4. To thee, before thy passion,  
 they sang their hymns of praise;  
 to thee, now high exalted,  
 our melody we raise.*

*5. Thou didst accept their praises;  
 accept the prayers we bring,  
 who in all good delightest,  
 thou good and gracious King.*

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - words by Theodulph of Orleans, trans. by John Mason Neale; music by Melchior Teshner, harm. by W.H. Monk CCLI #1550924

†SECOND READING

Mark 15: 1-41

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!' <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Season of Change: Crowds & Centurions

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed, vv. 1-3, 5

UMH 359

*1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?, 2. Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned upon the tree?  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!*

*Refrain:*

*At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
it was there by faith I received my sight  
and now I am happy all the day*

*3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in, 5. But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.  
When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin. Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.*

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" - words by Isaac Watts, refrain by Ralph E. Hudson; music, anon., arr. by Ralph E. Judson

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†BENEDCITION

We have waved our palm branches:

**May our shouts of hosanna never die out.**

We have heard of Jesus' suffering and death:

**May we never forget Christ's loving sacrifice.**

Now we enter into Holy Week:

**O God, be with us in the darkness as we journey to the light of Easter**

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Church Council is meeting today, following the end of our worship service. This is a specially-called meeting of the Council to act on a recommendation from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Finance Committee.

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HOLY WEEK AT WHITEHOUSE UMC

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, when we remember the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection from death. We hope you'll join us for our special events this week as we open up our hearts to God's grace by hearing these stories once again.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE                      APRIL 1, 6:30 p.m.

Remember Jesus' last supper, when he instituted practice of Holy Communion and gave his final instructions to his disciples. This service will include Holy Communion and footwashing.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE    APRIL 2, 6:30 p.m.

Hear the story of Jesus' suffering and death. In a Tenebrae service, we read the full story of Jesus' Passion, extinguishing candles as we go to remember the darkness of that day.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE                      APRIL 4, 6:30 a.m.

Welcome the Good News of Easter as the sun rises on a new day! The Gospels tell us that the women went to Jesus' tomb early in the morning, at first light, and discovered that he had risen. This service will take place outside at the back of the church, weather permitting.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP                      APRIL 4, 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate Easter with our WUMC family during our Sunday morning service. All are welcome to come as we give thanks for the miracle of Easter!

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PRAYER LIST

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| The Weavers             | The Loros               | Regan                 | Harold Marshall       |
| Sandra Walton           | Brenda Caps             | Betty Garner          | Bert Gardner          |
| Gaige Hendley           | Lauren Lawler           | Cindy North           | Kelly Kea             |
| Kristen Longfellow      | Guy De LaMarter         | Teresa Mitchum Hughes | Doris Wilkes's family |
| Janice Dupree           | Ben Dintelman           | The Lintners          | Hannah Dintelman      |
| Jason Krob              | Luke Shaeffer           | Gene Ruelle           | Carla Buchinger       |
| Ryan Baron              | Mark Montgomery         | Bri Benoit            | Jennie Townsend       |
| The Wilkes              | Our church family       | Matt Lockwood         | Carole Botempo        |
| Our Schools             | Members of our military | Nechelle McElroy      | Our elected officials |
| Our children's ministry | Our community           | First Responders      | Our Schools           |
| Our Country             |                         |                       |                       |

*Please pray for the family and loved ones of Clyde Weaver, who died yesterday, Saturday, March 27. Please especially pray for his wife, Janet. We will inform the congregation once funeral arrangements have been made.*