

WANDERING HEART

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

GATHER

Processional Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* 280

Greeting

*Call to Worship

Sing songs of loudest praise! **Hosanna!**
Sing songs that are unashamed. **Hosanna!**
Sing songs without being afraid. **Hosanna!**
Sing for the God of tomorrow and today. **Hosanna!**
Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, You are our strength and power. Open to us the gates of your presence, that we may enter and give thanks. Save us, we beg of you. Bless us with the presence of the One who comes in your name, Jesus, your Christ, our Chief and our Sovereign. Amen.¹

Special Music

THE PALMS

Prologue: John 11.46-53

Prayer of Confession & Words of Grace *see insert*

Joyful NOISY Offering for UMCOR

Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 278
Dedication of Mission Gifts

Reflection

THE MEAL

Around Christ's Table

Matthew 26.20-25

Response: *Philippians 2.5-11* *see insert*

Invitation

*The Great Thanksgiving

Matthew 26.26-29

The Lord's Prayer 895

Sharing the Holy Meal

Hymn: *Take Our Bread* (v. 1) 640

Prayer of Blessing

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In the mystery of the cross we behold your love. Partaking of this grace, may we live always in the love of Christ, by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Response to Grace

*Doxology 95

THE PASSION

The Arrest Matthew 26.45-56

Jesus Before Pilate Matthew 27.1-2, 11-26
Hymn: *Lamb of God* (v. 1) 2113

The Crucifixion Matthew 27.32-44

Benediction

Recessional: *What Wonderous Love Is This* (vv. 1 & 2) 292



Holy Week Schedule

- Mon-Thurs** **Prayer Stations of Peter - 8am-8pm**
in the Narthex
- Wed, Mar 27** **JAM – 5:30 pm**
try foods from the Last Supper
- Thurs, Mar 28** **Holy Thursday, 6 pm**
Combined Potluck & Service in FLC
- Fri, Mar 29** **Good Friday - noon**
Ecumenical Service at Bethany Lutheran
- Fri-Sun** **Prayer Vigil – Fri, noon to Sun, 6 am**
- Sun, Mar 31** **Easter!**
✠ Sunrise Service & Communion, 7 am
✠ Fellowship between services (Narthex)
✠ Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am
✠ Celebration Service, 10 am



NOTE: Office will be closed Easter Monday.

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**FIRST UNITED
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Courage

We summon every ounce of courage.

We give ourselves pep talks
and we call our friends.

We dig deep within.

We practice the words out loud,
rolling them around in our mouths,
imagining the response.

We deal out every “what if” card our brain holds on to
and spend absurd amounts of time
imagining all the ways it could go wrong.

And then finally, blessedly, we say it:
I love you.

To speak the truth of your heart takes courage.

It always has.

But please,
summon your courage,
join the parade,
and speak with conviction.

For God has been saying to the world since day one:
I love you.

What is your response?

By Rev Sarah Speed

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10:00 AM