



PALM

SUNDAY

Hosanna!

March 24, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kathleen Meredith
	Jesus, we didn't recognize you when you were here. We never fully understood.	
	You wept for us knowing we didn't understand. Your compassion is greater than we can imitate.	
	Even today, we lose sight of you and instead choose to follow the world.	
	Your compassion continues to this day, regardless of how many times we choose the world.	
	We need you to help us to fully choose you in our lives.	
	Jesus, let us be moved by your entrance as the real king. Let us be moved by suffering as pure love that we might love all our neighbors and siblings. Amen.	
*OPENING HYMN	"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	UMH 278
*OPENING PRAYER		Kathleen Meredith
	Dear Lord Jesus, we welcome you with great joy and gratitude. As our wonderful Savior, we have been on a long journey of lament, and our hearts have yearned to enter the Holy City. You enter our lives humbly and patiently, urging us to learn and grow and to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Today, we ask you to open our hearts and help us hear your words as we sing praises to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.	
ANTHEM	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Luke 19:41-48

⁴¹ But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. ⁴² "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Before long your enemies will build ramparts against

your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

⁴⁵ Then Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people selling animals for sacrifices. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves.”

⁴⁷ After that, he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him. ⁴⁸ But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON Through the Valley: “Lament and Action” Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY Christie Spriggs

You may leave your offering in the plate at the front of the center aisle or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Kathleen Meredith

Lord God, as we seek to be fully surrendered to you, we ask that you receive these our tithes and offerings as an expression of putting our treasure where our heart is. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “We Are Called” TFWS 2172

SERVICE OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS Kathleen Meredith

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE Christie Spriggs



Did you know...?

On the altar banner, the color of the drape changes each week throughout Lent.

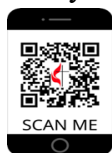
This week's drape is **gold**, symbolizing royalty and a summons to reconciliation across the barriers of nation, sect, and race.

Many thanks to Shirley Spooner for her crafting of all of our banners.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28	7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary
Friday, March 29	7 p.m. Good Friday Service in the sanctuary
Sunday, March 31	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Newton Cemetery (use Halsted St entrance) 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship In the sanctuary

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Christie Spriggs
Fred Fox
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison