



*Palm / Passion
Sunday*

**March 29, 2026
Order of Worship**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus, the Lord

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Carolyn Masters

Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

Hosanna in the highest!

Praise Christ, whose love abounds with grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Prayer

Carolyn Masters

Christ of both celebration and sorrow,
be with us in our time of worship today
and in the week ahead.

Help us embrace the fullness of your story,
both the triumph and the tragedy.

Strengthen us to proclaim blessing and hope,
no matter the circumstances,
that we may be children of your promise,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Carolyn Masters

Blessed are you, for you come in God's name.
Let's share signs of blessing and love
as we pass the peace of Christ on this holy day.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Reaffirmation of Faith and Reception into Harmony for Andrea Davis and Jo-Ann Beckner

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Andrea and Jo-Ann in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Andrea and Jo-Ann
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for Andrea and Jo-Ann,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Andrea and Jo-Ann, as members of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service
and your witness?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend Andrea and Jo-Ann to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor gives a blessing

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
that you may live in grace and peace.

Ministry of Music

Jerusalem, Behold Your King

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Preparation

All Praying

**This is the Lord's gate, God's word, a foundation we can trust. Let's listen for the firm
foundation of God's holy word. Amen**

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32-49

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.^[d]”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”^[e] When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Sermon

“Final Words”

Pastor Larry

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Carolyn Masters

May Christ’s values of generosity, grace, and love guide our giving of time, talent and treasure. May these values become the focus of our thoughts during this time of offering.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Beyond the Days

**Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Carolyn Masters

We give you thanks, Christ Jesus,
for your goodness and your grace.
Blessing the gifts and lives we offer to you,
that they may bring goodness and grace
to your world.
In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

I Am Thine, O Lord

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction**

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

Postlude

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

*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.*

*2. 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.*

*3. "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!*

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

*Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.*

*2. Upon that cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.*

*3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.*

I AM THINE, O LORD

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.*

Refrain:

***Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.***

*2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.*

(Refrain)

*3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!*

(Refrain)

*4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.*

(Refrain)