

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship  
Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025



**QR Code for Nursery  
Sign-In and Out Log**

† Please stand as you are able.

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
**Chiming the Trinity**  
**Centering Words**

Give thanks. Sing Hosanna. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

† **Prayer and Blessing of the Palms**

Autumn Boyer

Leader: God our Savior, your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem as Messiah in determined obedience to You and to suffer and to die for us;

**People: Let these palms be for us signs of our waywardness and his victory.**

Leader: Grant that we who bear these palms in his name may ever hail him as our King;

**People: And give us grace to follow him in the way of the cross, which is the way to the resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

† **Processional Hymn** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (stanzas 1, 2) **UMH 213**

*Entrance and Procession with the Palms; kids and families may proceed to the front of the sanctuary, waving their palms. The music may stop after stanza 2.*

† **Gospel Reading:**

Luke 19:28-40

Jan Schwarze

<sup>29</sup> As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. <sup>30</sup> He said, “Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

<sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “Its master needs it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. <sup>36</sup> As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. <sup>37</sup> As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. <sup>38</sup> They said,

**People: “Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”**

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!”

<sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

† **Hymn (continued)** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (stanzas 3, 4) **UMH 213**

*Those in the procession may proceed to their seats. After the hymn, the children may stay or be dismissed to the nursery. Parents must sign their child in using the QR Code above.*

† **Responsive Reading**

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

**UMH 839**

† **Hymn**

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

**UMH 280**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**God our Redeemer, you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross. By your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your word so, as the scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Epistle Reading**

Philippians 3:4b-21

Jan Schwarze

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of non-violent love, we confess to be fickle and fallible. We shout “hosannas” one moment and we give way to ways and whims of the crowd the next. We sing your praises, and then we don’t want you in our lives. We proclaim You as our King, but ‘when push comes to shove’ in being Your disciples we have shrunk away. We want the wholeness and eternal life You offer without having to follow You in the way of the cross. Forgive us, Lord. Lead us in the way of the cross this week and give us courage in how to lose our lives so that we might find it. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear this good and hard news: the only way to the resurrection lies through the cross. Jesus spoke these words from the cross, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God! Amen.**

† **Peace of Christ**

*At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.*

*Offering and Choir Anthem* "Blessed Is He" by Dennis and Nan Allen



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

*PUMC QR Code*

*Palm Sunday Sermon*

Rev. Adam Benson

*Response: Lenten Creed*

We believe in Jesus Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

*Prayers of the People*

After each petition, leader: Lord in your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

†Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

†Announcements

†Benediction

†Chiming the Trinity Bell

†Postlude

Holy Week Schedule:

4/17: Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion Service @ 6 PM

4/18: CCoM Joint Good Friday Service at PUMC @ 6:30 PM, and Self-Guided Stations of the Cross @ 6 PM

4/20: Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:30 AM, Easter Service and Flowering of the Cross (bring your flowers) @ 10:30 AM

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## Palm Sunday

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**