

# Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025 • 10:55 AM

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*Please grab a palm frond from one of the Sanctuary entrances prior to the service. We have a palm for everyone!*

## TOWER BELLS

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues and Sarah Rodrigues

### WELCOME STATEMENT

Sarah Rodrigues

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

### PRELUDE

Harry Jansen, Organist

Epilogue on 'St. Theodulph'

Healey Willan

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

On this day, Jesus marched

**in between the city walls and the Temple, in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers, in between oppressive poverty and greedy power, in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

**So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in between!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

UMH (red) 278 | Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*We encourage you to follow the lead of our children as they wave palms!*

*\* Please rise as you are comfortable*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Great Creator, forgive me when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words. Creator God, forgive me when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you. Creator God, forgive me when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me. Create in me a heart like yours...**

*silence for personal confession*

**We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.  
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love.*  
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Katie Diaz, Minister of Spiritual Formation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Brown

**Speaking God,  
Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise.  
In the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will.  
And show us how to release the rest. We are listening.  
Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON | LUKE 19:29-40 NRSVue

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

RESPONSE

RESPONSE HYMN

UMH (red) 280 | All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mick Raynor

Truly, the Lord is with us

**Hosanna!**

## 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.**

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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## OFFERTORY

Agus Dei from *Messe*

Sanctuary Choir

Frank Martin

## SENDING FORTH

### A GOSPEL READING: CHRIST'S PASSION | LUKE 22 CEB

Elizabeth Brown

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## ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Gilbert Martin

## SILENT BLESSING | STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Today's service is called Palm/Passion Sunday. This is because we recognize two distinct events on this Sunday. First we celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was greeted with great celebration, and the waving of palm fronds traditionally called Palm Sunday. Today, we also remember the Passion- that is the narrative of the death of Jesus. So then, the waving of palms, and shouts of 'Hosanna' help us in celebrating Palm Sunday, while the presence of the cross in worship and the stripping of the altar help us to remember Jesus Christ's crucifixion. The solemn act of stripping the altar reflects the abandonment Jesus experienced and prepares the church for the silence and mourning following Jesus' death.

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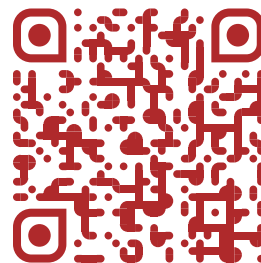
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**New? Tell Us More** | We value building relationships across lines of difference, shared hobbies, passions, talents, and seasons of life. We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building.

We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service.

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**Fidget baskets** are located on either side of the altar rail and in the narthex. These are offered for children and adults who learn best when their hands or bodies are moving or who can listen more attentively when their other senses are engaged. Feel free to use a fidget or two at any point during worship and then return them to the basket at the end of service. Additionally, there is **“Pray Ground”** space in front of the pews on the right side of the sanctuary. This is space in the sanctuary for our worshippers of all ages and stages. Feel free to let your child play in this space as they participate in worship.

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