



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 24, 2024 † 8:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Welcome! We're glad you are here! You are a gift from God, and we hope you will feel at home here in this gathering of God's people. We welcome you to worship and into the fellowship life of this congregation!

For those who wish to access the live stream worship service at 10:00 a.m., please do so at this link: www.faithumcshebfalls.org

Today is the beginning of Holy Week. For those who dare to journey this week with Jesus, this is the week that our humanity and God's divinity come crashing together, in events that still mark us, the Body of Christ.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive): Liturgist
God gathers all people into this house of prayer.
Calling in the ones who aren't always invited.
Making space for those pushed to the margins,
Welcoming young and old.
Look, God is with us!
Hosanna! The One who saves is with us!
Hosanna! Blessed is the One who shakes things up!
Hosanna! The Kingdom of Heaven is near!
In humble triumph, God comes,
And we come to meet God here. On this Palm Sunday, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 278 UMH

***Opening Prayer** (in unison): Rev. Kathy Reid
Jesus, You entered our world and turned everything upside down. You enter our cities and towns, our churches and homes, putting the words we love to quote into actions we can't ignore. We cheer in greeting and hope, and we murmur in uncertainty too. What does this all mean? Today we wave our branches and shout Hosanna, and pray you'll show us how to join You in enacting Your Kingdom in days to come. Amen.

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist
The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure, as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's act of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips. Amen.

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 95 UMH

***Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering** (in unison): Liturgist
God of the great shouts of hope, just as You received the voices of the crowd upon Your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim Your salvation to all people. Amen.

Joys and Concerns Ted Bonde
For joys: Lord, to Your glory, **hear our prayer.**
For concerns: Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Ted Bonde
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.

Scripture Reading *Luke 19:28-40* Liturgist

Sermon Hymn *Freely, Freely* 389 UMH

Sermon *Even the Stones will Talk* Rev. Kathy Reid

***Closing Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 155 UMH

***Benediction** Ted Bonde

***Postlude**

And now our service begins...

***Please stand if you are able.**
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS – The Faith We Sing

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