

## Prayer Corner

### **"A Prayer for the Lenten Journey "**

**(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)**

*God of Mercy, we come before You at the beginning of this Lenten season aware of our need for You. You call us to repentance, yet we cling to what is comfortable; You call us to truth, yet we resist what is costly. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and have not loved You or our neighbors as we should. When You call us to pray, we are distracted; when You call us to stand, we hesitate. Lord, have mercy on us and search our hearts.*

*As we walk these forty days, remove from us what is not like You—pride, fear, and anything that keeps us from love. Teach us to fast from what harms and to hold fast to what gives life. Remind us that You have carried our people through wilderness seasons before and will carry us still. Create in us clean hearts, renew right spirits within us, and prepare us to rise with Christ in faith, hope, and holy purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### Prayer Requests

- Christina Garner
- T. Mychael Rambo- Recovering from RSV. Surgery to be rescheduled
- Middle East
- Our Children and Young Adults
- Our Community
- Palm Sunday Faith Action

### Seniors and Homebound

- Doris Douglas
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



*Loving God. Loving People.*

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**March 29, 2026 | 10 am**  
**God In-Between | Lent**



**Rev. Cynthia Williams | Lead Pastor**

**Welcome to Camphor Memorial UMC!**

We are an open, welcoming, and affirming congregation, intentional and inclusive of all God's people. Camphor worship services are filmed, recorded and broadcast on line. Whoever you are – you are safe here.

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- † All stand
  - \* Please be Seated
- Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

### Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out today's passage from "Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship.



### Prelude

† **Bringing in the Light | Processional**

### Welcome

Pastor Cynthia Williams

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Camille King

One: Jesus enters the city – not with armies, not with power as the world defines it.

**Many: But riding humbly, carried by peace, surrounded by people who dare to hope.**

One: The crowd begins to shout – "Blessed is the King!" Voices rising, cloaks laid down, palms waving in expectation.

**Many: But even in the shouting, there is tension in the air – because not everyone welcomes this kind of King.**

One: Some demand the noise be silenced. Some are uncomfortable with the praise. Some resist what God is doing.

**Many: But Jesus declares, if the people are quiet, the stones will cry out.**

One: As we enter Holy Week – a time of praise, protest, and powerful truth

**Many: We will lift our voices. We will not be silent. We will follow Jesus through every moment – from shouting to silence. Amen.**

*(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)*



### Palm Sunday Faith Action | March 29th (TODAY)

Join thousands on **Palm Sunday, March 29th** for **Palm Sunday Faith Action: Reclaiming Christianity in the Public Square at the Minnesota Capitol.**

Gather at Central Village Park (457 Central Ave W, St. Paul) at 1:30pm as we prepare to march together at 2:00pm. The day will include a procession, prayer, proclamations, and worship, and those unable to march are invited to join directly at the Capitol at 2:30pm.

Come be a part of this powerful witness of faith in action—let's show up together, stand in unity, and lift our voices for love, justice, and community as we embody the call of Christ in the public square.

## Camphor Bulletin Board



### **Living the Resurrection | Eastertide Sermon Series**

**Living the Resurrection** is a 6-week journey that takes us beyond just celebrating the empty tomb and helps us embody the power of the risen Christ in daily life. Based on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus—from **John 20** through **Acts 2**—this series reminds us that resurrection is not just something we believe in, but something we live out

In a world filled with fear, doubt, disappointment, and struggle, the risen Jesus appears—bringing peace amid chaos, faith in moments of uncertainty, and purpose where we once felt lost. He walks with us even when we don't recognize Him, restores us when we fall short, and calls us to be witnesses of His power in our homes, communities, and streets.

This series builds week by week:

From **fear to peace**  
From **doubt to declaration**  
From **confusion to clarity**  
From **hiding to witnessing**  
From **failure to restoration**  
From **waiting to walking in power**

Rooted in the promise of the Holy Spirit in **Acts 2**, we are reminded that we are not alone—we are empowered to live boldly, love deeply, and go faithfully. Because Jesus rose, we can rise—and live as if resurrection power is real, active, and available every day.

## † Hymn of Praise

## **“We Sing Praises”**

[Verse]

**We sing praises to the King  
For He is the King of Kings  
We sing praise to the King  
For He is the King of Kings**

**Give Him glory for He is the King.  
Give Him glory, for He is the King of Kings.**

[Bridge]

**All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel!  
All Hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel!**

[Vamp)

**He reigns forever, He reigns forever  
He reigns forever and evermore**

[Vamp 2]

**He reigns,  
He reigns,  
He reigns and evermore**

[Ending]

**All hail King Jesus!**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

## **Centering Prayer (In Unison)**

Camille King

**God of every voice and every quiet place, As we enter Holy Week, we stand between celebration and sorrow, between shouting and silence. Like the crowd, we want to praise You when the moment is joyful, but we struggle to stay faithful when the road becomes difficult. You know when we speak boldly and when we shrink back in silence. As we center ourselves now, steady our hearts and align our voices with Your truth. Give us courage to praise You openly and faith to follow You faithfully, even when the path leads through uncertainty and sacrifice. As we walk with Jesus this week, prepare us for all that is to come. Amen.**

*(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)*

## Passing of the Peace

Camille King

At this time, children and youth are invited to Sunday School and as they make their way, let us offer one another signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. Saying, to our neighbors, **"the peace of Christ be with you,"** the response is, **"And also with you!"**

*(Children & Youth are invited to Sunday School | Worshippers May Enter)*

## Intercessory Prayer

Min. Isiah Dennis

## Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Gathering our Community/Announcements

Pastor Cynthia Williams

## Ministry of Giving | Offering

Pastor Cynthia Williams

*Scan the QR Code to give online via Square or PayPal!*

*1st Offering: Change for Change*

*2nd Offering: Tithes & General Offering*

## † The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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## Ministry of Music

Men's Chorus

## † Scripture Lesson

**Luke 19:29-40 (NRSVue)**

Carlton Garner

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

## † Scripture Lesson

**Luke 19:29-40 (NRSVue)-Cont'd**

Carlton Garner

31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' "32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ **All: Thanks be to God**)

## Ministry of Music

Men's Chorus

## Sermon

*God In Between: Shouting & Silence*

Pastor Cynthia Williams

## Invitation for Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Williams

*(Those who desire prayer, want to become a member or be anointed with oil may come at this time.)*

## † Benediction with Blessings

Pastor Cynthia Williams

**Let the Church say Amen, Let the Church say Amen,  
God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen**

*(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)*

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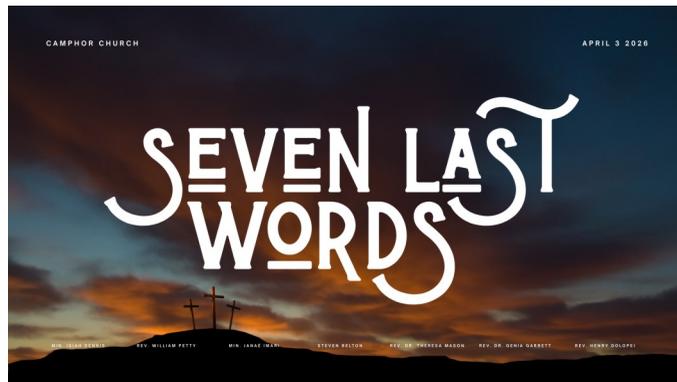
## Thomas Scholarship 2026 | Honoring a Legacy, Investing in Our Future



Established in 2018 to honor Rev. Gloria Roach Thomas and Leroy Thomas, this scholarship reflects Camphor's commitment to higher education, social justice, and developing future leaders. Over the past seven years, Camphor has awarded multiple scholarships each year to students pursuing degrees in a wide range of fields.

Scholarships of \$500-\$2,000 are available for students enrolled in college or vocational programs in Fall 2026. **Apply by June 1, 2026 by submitting materials to [jones010@umn.edu](mailto:jones010@umn.edu).**

### Seven Last Words: A Good Friday Service | April 3rd | 6:30pm



Join us for our **Seven Last Words Good Friday Service** on **Friday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at Camphor Memorial UMC.

This powerful service will reflect on the final words spoken by Jesus from the cross through scripture, prayer, music, and brief reflections from guest preachers.

Featured speakers include **Rev. William Petty, Min. JaNaé Imari, Min. Steven Belton, Rev. Dr. Theresa Mason, Rev. Dr. Genia Garrett, Rev. Henry Dolopei, and Min. Isiah Dennis.**

All are invited to gather for this sacred time of remembrance and reflection as we journey together toward the Resurrection.

## Camphor Bulletin Board

**Announcement Submissions: Submit announcements by 10 a.m. two weeks before publication (events: at least one month in advance).**

### This Week @ Camphor Memorial UMC

#### Friday, April 3rd

*Good Friday*

11 am | Exercise w/Connie (Lg Sunday School)

6:30 pm | Seven Last Words (Sanctuary)

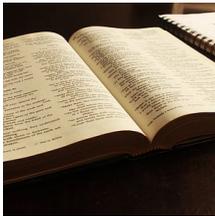
#### Sunday, April 5th

*Resurrection Sunday*

10 am | Worship (Sanctuary & Live-Stream)

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Bible Study is currently on break and will resume Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30pm in a hybrid format (in person and via Zoom). Our next study, *A Walk Through the Book of Romans*, will explore how we are saved by grace, grow through the Spirit, and live out our faith each day.



### Change for Change: Small Coins, Big Impact!



Support our March offering with loose coins and spare dollars benefiting Love First through the Oglesby House of Blessing. Love First creates safe, culturally centered spaces that empower youth to grow and thrive.

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