

Columbiana First United Methodist
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March 29th, 2026

Palm Sunday

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **To order Easter lilies in honor or memory of loved ones, fill out the bulletin form and submit it to the offering plate or Miranda, our church secretary. Lillies \$10.00 ea., Tulips and Hyacinths \$8.00 ea. Deadline for orders will be March 30th. Thank you.**
- **April 2nd Maundy Thursday Service/Dinner 6:30 pm. Call 330 482-2382 to reserve a spot at the table.**
- **April 3rd Good Friday Service 5 pm.**

***Opening Prayer:**

Holy God, On this Palm Sunday we gather with gratitude and wonder. As the crowds once spread their cloaks and branches on the road, we open our hearts now for the One who comes in humility and hope. Ride into our worship, O Christ steady our spirits, lift our voices, and lead us toward the life that love makes possible. Bless this time and bless us as we follow You. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278**

Call to Worship:

L: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

P: We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

L: The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

P: We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

L: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

P: We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

L: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kingdom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

P: We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Jay Morris

Offertory:

***Doxology**

#95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Humble Savior, You ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim Your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: All Glory, Laud, and Honor 1,2,3,4 #280

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Gloria Patri

#70

Message:

"Enter the Gates, With Thanksgiving in our Hearts" Pastor Cyndi

Closing Hymn: "Who Is He" *see insert

(sung to the tune Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

Benediction

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Holy God,

On this Palm Sunday we join the procession that began long before us a parade of hope moving through dusty streets, a chorus of “Hosanna” rising from weary hearts. We come with our own mix of joy and longing, trusting that you meet us exactly as we are.

Christ Jesus, You entered the city not with force but with humility, not on a warhorse but on a borrowed colt. Teach us that your power is gentleness, your strength is mercy, your victory is love poured out for the world.

As we wave our branches in praise, we also bring the burdens we carry: the worries that keep us awake, the griefs we cannot name aloud, the fractures in our families and communities, the injustices that weigh on our spirits. Gather all of these into your compassionate heart.

For those who are ill or recovering, bring healing and steady courage. For those who mourn, wrap them in your tenderness. For those facing uncertainty in work, in relationships, in the future, shine a light on the next faithful step.

We lift praise for what you have gotten Corey through. We know that he has faced some hiccups through his journey, but we also know that You have allowed him to bounce back quickly. We ask that You continue to walk with him, and give Your wisdom to his medical team, so they may continue to bring Your healing to him as it aligns with Your will.

We lift up Debbie Himes, You know her needs, so we ask that You bring to her the healing that is needed, and intercede where intercession is needed. All for Your glory.

We ask that You come alongside the family of Dick Jackson, bring to them Your peace and strength that will hold them up during their time of grief. Allow the memories they have flood their minds so that Dick remains alive in their hearts, and turns their sorrow into joy.

We lift Bill Winans as he walks through this journey once again fighting this battle against cancer once again. You have walked with him before and allowed him and his family to see Your great works. We ask that You allow them to see Your great works once again, and allow them also to experience Your victory. Bring to Bill and his wife Sandy the peace beyond understanding, allowing them to know that You are the One in control.

Be with Bill's Aunt Linda, allowing her recovery to go smoothly. We praise Your name for getting her through the heart surgery that she needed. May all those that know and love her see You in her healing, and praise Your name.

We join Gaye in praying for her grandson Kyle and his wife Kalice. May You bring to them what is needed, and may they know without a doubt that You are the One that supplied them. All for Your glory.

We pray for our world, still aching for peace, still longing for leaders who choose wisdom and compassion. Let your kingdom come in places torn by violence, in homes strained by conflict, in hearts that feel far from hope.

And as we enter this Holy Week, slow us down enough to notice you in the breaking of bread, in the shadows of the garden, in the cross that reveals the depth of your love. Give us courage to follow you all the way through, trusting that resurrection is already stirring beneath the surface.

Receive our praise, O God.

Receive our lives.

Hosanna in the highest.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.