

UMCM Palm Sunday Communion Worship

April 2, 2023, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: "Hosanna!"

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Holy City" by Stephan Adams
Robert Thygerson
RoseAnne Homola, Piano

Processional with Palms "Hosanna!" Choir

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** Psalm 118 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Opening Hymn** "The King of Glory Comes" TFWS #2091

***Opening Prayer** Leader
Most Holy Jesus. As those who shouted "*Hosanna!*" to welcome you into Jerusalem, may we also shout "*Hosanna!*" to welcome you into this place - and into our hearts. However, let us also remember that "*Hosanna*" means, "*Save us, we pray!*" We know that you are the only one who can save. May we humble ourselves today to ask YOU

to save us. Open our minds, and open our hearts, to your healing Word, we pray. We love you, Lord. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "Wave the Palms, Hosanna!" by Ruth Elaine Schram

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Philippians 2:5–11](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 21:1–11](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Promises Kept Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "In Remembrance of Me" TFWS #2254

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Holy God, you gave it all for us. May we give our all back to you. Please accept these gifts for your use in this world. May you use them, and use us, to be instruments of your healing. "*Save us, we pray*" - through your power - through your gifts - and through your direction. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Lamb of God" TFWS #2113

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "He is Lord" UMH #177

Postlude

Coffee Hour Hosted by the Sherwood Family

Coming Up:

Holy Thursday April 6th - 7:00 pm Worship Service

Good Friday April 7th - 7:00 pm Musical Cantata at
Long Hill United Methodist Church in Trumbull

Easter Sunrise Service April 9th at 6:00 am at Great Hollow Lake

Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Anita Stabler-Hussey
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Rose Aiello
Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

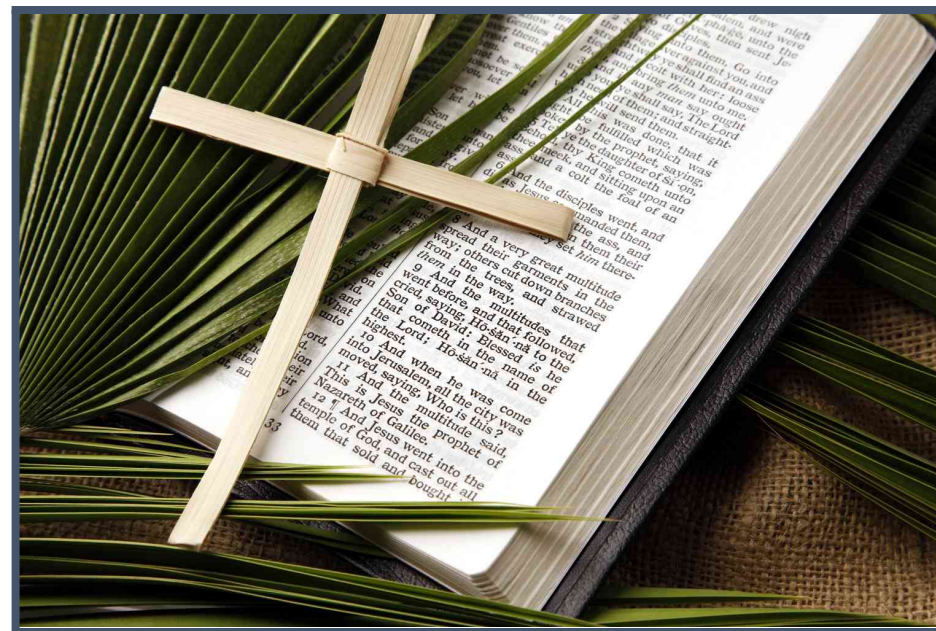
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"