

UMCM Morning Worship

April 13, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Coming of the Messiah

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Down at the Cross" Franklin Ritter
Tune: John H. Stockton

Processional with Palms "Wave the Palms" Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 118 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** "Make Way" WS #3044

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Anonymous Leader
Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your Son in humility, riding on a colt, to show us the true path of peace and kingship. As the crowds once lifted their voices to welcome him with joy, teach us to offer him our hearts, not just our words. Prepare us to walk with Christ, not only in his triumph, but also in his suffering, that we may share in the glory of his resurrection. We pray this in the name of

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem

"Entry Into Jerusalem"

Nancy Price
Don Besig

A Time for Children of All Ages

Special Music

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 42:1-9](#) (NRSV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 19:28-40](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts**

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Denise Wiley

Blessed are you Jesus, who rode into Jerusalem with shouts of glory and praise. Like the palms laid down before you 2000 years ago, we lay down our gifts to you now. Bless these offerings, Lord. We pray they will ready the world for your coming. Transform our hearts and open our eyes to use our gifts to spread your message of love, mercy and compassion. We too, with praise shout, "*Hosanna O Son of David.*" Amen.

