



\*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Italicized Bold print** invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

Large print hymnals, large print bulletins, service script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary.

You're encouraged to check-in at NMUMC on Facebook & share recorded service.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

Ride on, King Jesus. Ride with passion and compassion. Ride in triumph and joy. Ride in humility and gentleness. Ride with us as we travel the journey with you.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

"Near the Cross"

Bell Choir

by Fanny Crosby

**\*Call to Worship**

In joy, we gather this day.

**Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.**

In remembrance, we gather this day.

**Hosanna to the son of David.**

In festive celebration and quiet reflection,  
we gather to worship and pray.

**Hosanna to the Son of God.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Jesus, you have walked this road with us many times.

Guide our steps and keep us close.

Inspire our worship with your loving presence  
and work in our lives,

that your Spirit may flow through our lives

as we seek to help others

walk the journey with you. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH#278

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

**Children's Message**

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Chuck Samson

Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer.

Uncover the masks that obscure our vision  
and keep us from facing our true selves.

Hold us close in our weakness,

that we may find the courage to lean on your grace  
and rest in your forgiveness.

Bless us with humility, love, and mercy,

that we may be merciful, humble, and loving

to everyone we meet, even ourselves. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response**

Psalms 118

UMH#839

**Prayer of Illumination**

All

**May God speak to the weary through today's message.**

**May God awaken our ears, eyes, hearts, and minds**

**to receive God's Word.**

**May God guide our lives and our actions,  
as we seek to follow Christ's lead.**

**\*1st Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

Chuck Samson

**5** Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ Jesus,

**6** who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,

**7** but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

**8** he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**9** Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

**10** so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11** and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 11: 1-11

Chuck Samson

**Jesus's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem**

**11** When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples **2** and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. **3** If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" **4** They went

away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, **5** some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" **6** They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. **7** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they

had cut in the fields. **9** Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**10** Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

**11** Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Reflecting on God's Message**

"What's Your Master Story?"

Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation of the Offering**

Pastor Ed

**Offertory Anthem**

"Out of the Shadows Reprise"

Chancel Choir

by John Purifoy

**\*Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

**Offering Prayer**

Pastor Ed

We thank you, Christ Jesus,  
for your steadfast faithfulness  
and your humble leadership in our world.

Bless the gifts we return to you now,  
that they may guide others to follow you  
and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.

### Thanksgiving and Communion

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\*Sending Hymn**

"He is Exalted"

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**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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\*Waldmüller, Ferdinand Georg, 1793-1865. Palm Sunday

# Liturgy of the Palms

## 3.24.2024 | 9:30 am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,  
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

**Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!**

**Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,  
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**