

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

### PRELUDE

### GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come to worship God!**

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**Open the gates of peace, that we may come to worship God!**

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**Open the gates of truth, that we may come to worship God!**

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**Open the gates of salvation, that we may come to worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

HYMN....."Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" .....UMH #278

### UNISON PRAYER

**Merciful God, we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. We neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the**

**death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM..... “Hosanna! Hosanna!” .....Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**We offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
Let Israel say:  
“His love endures forever.”  
  
Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.  
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

LORD, save us!  
LORD, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.  
The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

### **Luke 19-28-40**

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN.....“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” .....UMH #277

MESSAGE.....“Open the Gates” .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.**

**Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.**

**Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.**

**Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.**

**In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN.....“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” .....UMH #280, vs. 1-4

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

### **REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

**Colony Court:** Margaret Dahnert

**Lakeshore Inn:** Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Bob Larson, the Youngberg family, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Worship Team. This team would meet periodically with Pastor Dong to assist him in exploring ideas to enhance our worship services and share ideas for special worship services. If you have some ideas and would like to be part of this team, please contact the church office or let a Leadership Team member know.

Plans are in the works to host our annual Springtime Sandwich Luncheon. The date is **Wednesday, April 23**. This event takes a large amount of work/people-power. Sign-up sheets are available; please consider how you can be a part of this very important way to reach out to our community. Many hands make light work! We would also appreciate cash donations that will be used to purchase ingredients.

The Waseca Community Easter Dinner will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, 314 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, on Sunday, April 20 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Dine in, drive thru and delivery will be offered. Sign up by Monday, April 14 by calling St. Paul Lutheran church at 835-2647 or the Waseca Senior Center at 835-4552.

Holy Week schedule:

**Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm** – Holy Thursday worship service. This service will include communion and a hand washing ceremony.

**Friday, April 18, 7:00pm** – Good Friday worship service.

**Easter Sunday, April 20**

7:00am – Sunrise Service

7:30am – Easter Breakfast (serving scrambled eggs, fresh warm cinnamon rolls with frosting and butter, orange juice, milk, and coffee)

9:30am – Easter Celebration worship service

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/13/2025 (Sun.)	Palm Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
04/16/2025 (Wed.)	2:30pm – Elizabeth Circle (Gathering Room) 7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
04/17/2025 (Thurs.)	7:00pm – Holy Thursday Worship Service
04/18/2025 (Fri.)	7:00pm – Good Friday Worship Service
04/13/2025 (Sun.)	7:00am – Sunrise Service 7:30am – Easter Breakfast 9:30am – Easter Celebration Worship Service

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

### **Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

### **Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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