

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that **the Lord needs them**, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what the prophet: "Say 'See, your king comes riding on and on a foal of a

The disciples went as Jesus had instructed the donkey and the their cloaks on them. A very large crowd cloaks on the road, branches from the them on the road. went ahead of him followed shouted, the Son of David!" who comes in the Lord!" "Hosanna heaven!" When Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet."



Rev. Dorothy , Guest Minister
Buffy , Liturgist
Julie, Music Tech

March 29th, 2026

Palm Sunday

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Matthew 27:11-54 (pg. 32 [39 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through the ancient gates of Jerusalem,
Jesus rode that borrowed donkey.

People: Through the open door of our hearts, right now,
Jesus comes to each of us.

Leader: The crowds greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna" and
waved palm branches.

People: And we raise our voices here today, welcoming
the saving Grace of God in our lives.

Leader: Hosanna, Jesus! Blessed are you!
Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN #88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious Lord, riding in peace before the whole world on a donkey; grant your redeeming peace to us as we bow in confession before you. Where you walk humbly, we too often follow with arrogance. While you borrow from a friend, we are too proud to ask. You are obedient to God's will and call us to be the same. We want to re-define the word and make it compatible with our lifestyle. Forgive us, Lord. We raise our palm branches in celebration of our lives kept with you. Bless us with the conviction to live truthfully before you. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION *(in silence)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg. 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

DEDICATION & DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS Diana Dunbar

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*
(pg. 565 [694 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 2:5-11*
(pg. 197 [240 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 21:1-11* (pg.23 [27 LP] NT)

SERMON Rev. Dorothy

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #89 *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

Light Your Journey with Jesus' Words

Amelia

"I am the True Vine"

(continue on the back of the bulletin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Julie

*HYMN #91

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

*BLESSING

Postlude

For the week beginning March 29, 2026

GREETERS: Mark and Kathy

PRAYER FAMILY: Judy and Randy

ELDER for the Month: Terry

Mon. Office Closed

Tues. Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Thurs. Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Fri Office Closed

Meditation and Prayer– 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Next Sunday

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at Portville
Cemetery then Breakfast at Sprague's

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

Worship/Communion with

Rev. Lee

Elder of the Month-Barb

Liturgist-Karl

Greeters: Julie and John

Music Tech: Judy

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.



FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

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OGHS OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your bulletin.

We are currently collecting **TUNA** for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with worship for the month of April. The **APRIL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET** is located in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to help with our service!

The Mission Highlight of the Month of April will be the **PORTVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**.

MAUNDY THURSDAY is this Thursday at 5:00 pm. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Easter Flower orders. They will be a beautiful addition to our Easter Service. *REMEMBER* to take home after worship service.

HOLY WEEK



Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service & Dinner

Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Open until 3:00 p.m. for
Meditation and Prayer

Sunday, 6:45 a.m.

Sunrise Service in Cemetery
Sprague's will be open for breakfast

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
Worship Service

