



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday



Lisle Garrity, *Power Play*

## PRELUDE

*Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*  
Alicia Luttrell

Handel

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## ❖LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Jennifer Porto

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Erica Tanner

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## ♪❖PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UMH 278

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

Bedford

## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Jennifer Porto

*Please take this time to sign the attendance pad located in your pew, or scan the CONNECT QR code located on the back of this bulletin.*

❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit* **Bold Print** – *Congregation Reads Aloud*  
*Hearing amplifier devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise of city streets. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts, our mental to-do lists, or our desire to fit in. Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world. So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem, stop traffic here. Pause the rush. Open the gates. Dwell among us, until your Word is all we can hear. We are listening. We are laying down our cloaks. Amen.

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 118

UMH 839-840

*Please join the choir in the sung response #1 when indicated by the red R.*

## ♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

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## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*After the children's moment, children may leave with our staff to go to the nursery. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.*

## MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

## ♪ACT OF PRAISE

*Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me*  
Chancel Choir

Larson

## ❖LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Matthew 26:14-25

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. <sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"Save Us Now!"*

Dr. Darren McClellan

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *\*universal*

♪❖ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Watch the Lamb*  
Don Bowden

Boltz

♪❖ DOXOLOGY

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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

*Ellacombe*

Monk

☞ FLOWER CROSS ON THE ALTAR is here today to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage ceremony yesterday of Robert Alexander and Amanda Herren, son of Stephanie and Alan Alexander and grandson of Kay Adkins.

☞ CHRISTIAN LOVE and SYMPATHY to:

Betsy Yager and family upon the death of her husband, John Yager on January 26, 2026.

Susan and Richard Mazey and family upon the death of their son, Wynn Mazey, on March 10, 2026.

Pam Bostick and family upon the death of her mother, Freddie Copeland, on March 19, 2026.



### UPCOMING WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)  
 12:00pm Lunch and Egg Hunt (FH)  
 5:00pm Youth

**Monday** Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)  
 Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

**Tuesday** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP)

**Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)  
 Handbell Practice, 5:00pm  
 Choir Practice, 6:00pm

**Thursday** Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)  
 The Joseph Project 9:30am (DW)  
 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00pm (S)  
 Trivia Night, 7:00pm (206 State St.)

**Friday** Office Closed  
 Field Trip to Montgomery, 7:00am

FP-Fellowship Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WP-Wisteria Parlor  
 B-Basement, DW-Dumas Wesley, 126 Mobile Street

### CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Maria Coleman, Bob Cook, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, Marcia Golson, Holly Hastings (Dee Dee Cook's sister), Diane Holub (Angela Prime's mother), Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lon Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*\*new concern this week*)

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Thursday**, April 2-Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm, Sanctuary

**Friday**, April 3-Montgomery Field Trip, departs 7am

**Sunday**, April 5-Easter, Sunrise Service at 7am-Wisteria Courtyard,  
 Ascension at 9am-FH, Traditional Service at 11am-Sanctuary

**Monday**, April 6-Church Office closed

### GOOD FRIDAY FIELD TRIP

It's not too late to join Pastors Darren and Jennifer, District Superintendent Rev. Sheila Bates, Deaconess Clara Ester, and members of APUMC this Friday, for a Good Friday congregational pilgrimage to the Legacy Museum and memorial sites in Montgomery, Alabama. Cost: \$75 per person (includes transportation, meals, and admission) Click on the link in your newsletter to reserve your spot.

**THE JOURNEY CLASS** invites you to join the upcoming study of "The Mission of the Body of Christ," by Russ Ramsey. This dynamic narrative traces the journey of the early church through the book of Acts, as the people of God carried out Jesus' mission as his ambassadors. We meet in Room 202 upstairs in the Fellowship Building at 10am. We'll meet on April 12 to begin the new study. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Kristi McClellan.

### USA CAMPUS OUTREACH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

We are planning another fellowship opportunity with our young friends from the University of South Alabama and hope to rekindle the flame of former softball glory here at APUMC. If this piques your interest in any way, as a player or spectator, then mark your calendar now for Sunday, April 26! We plan to start games around 3pm on the fields at USA.

### WELCOME

We want to thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. If you have questions about church activities, church membership, or the Christian faith, we would love to speak with you.



Are you visiting today? If so, please scan this QR code to complete a CONNECT card, or contact a staff member to assist you.

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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received Last Sunday \$7,860



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ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses

### Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

### Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face.
3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

1. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.
2. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.
4. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## Responsive Psalter: Psalm 118:14-29

Psalm 118:14-29

Ps. 118:26  
William Mathias

**RESPONSE 1** (*Passion/Palm Sunday*)



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the



name of the Lord! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

**R**

The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted,  
**the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.**

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

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

**R**

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

**The stone which builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**R**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

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

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, who has given us light.

**Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God’s steadfast love endures for ever!**

**R**