



**Crooks Memorial
United Methodist Church**
April 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday



Welcome to Worship

Cell phone and electronic devices:

Please set to silence.

Connection Card: Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

Hard of hearing or sight:

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

We love children in worship!

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

We record worship: As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Judy Davis & Gloria Brown

Palm Bearers: Mary Catherine Bellflower & Emmerson Mills

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper

Please Welcome Betty Warren, our new Director of Music
Ministries!

For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.

Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World

Our Vision:

Making Space for God and Others

Our Values:

Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –
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Betty Warren – Dir. of Music Ministries
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Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

***Processional Hymn** *“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”* UMH 277

Welcome Vennie Lulofs

Call to Worship

This is a day of joyous welcome.

Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

We welcome Christ with waving branches.

We wait with Christ through hours of agony.

Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name.

Jesus rides into the tumult of our times.

People still oppose the way of love.

Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.

Give thanks that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Open to us the gates of righteousness.

Let us enter in the light God offers. Amen.

***Hymn** *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* UMH 278

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** *“I Am Thine, O Lord”* See Insert

Scripture Isaiah 50:4-9a Jim Pile
(Pew Bible O.T. 640)
Philippians 2:5-11 Jim Pile
(Pew Bible N.T. 186)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *“You Are My All”* The Chancel Choir

Small Talk Beth Pile

Children in grades 1-5 will leave now for Children’s Church.

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11 Rev. B. Sung
(Pew Bible N.T. 21-22)

Message *“The King’s Triumphal Entry”* Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** *“I Come with Joy (v1-3)”* UMH 617

Communion *All are invited to the table* UMH 12-15

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Prayer of Confession

Righteous One, we often ignore the desires of our hearts.

We long to sing hosanna with a cheering crowd, but we turn

aside at the sight of an angry mob. We yearn to dine lovingly

at Your table, but we retreat into the courtyard shadows. We

hope to defend the One we love, but we succumb to the

limits of our strength. It is so easy to betray You with a kiss.

Forgive our fickle faith and heal our hesitant hearts, for our

spirits ache to be found worthy. Amen.

Music During Communion *“How Beautiful”* The Chancel Choir

***Hymn** *“I Come with Joy (v4-5)”* UMH 617

Offertory Prayer

Thank You, O God, for coming to us in Christ Jesus. Work

through these gifts so that the world might know the

breadth of Your mercy and Your grace. Bless our very lives

that we might be faithful disciples and stewards of Your love.

With gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *“Fountain of Living Water”* arr. M. Bober

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Benediction** Rev. B. Sung

Give thanks to God, for God is good!

God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

We go from this place crying out for salvation!

Come, save us! Hosanna!

We go from this place ready to follow Jesus to the garden,

the cross, and the tomb.

Come, save us! Hosanna!

We go from this place ready to pay attention as the waving

of palms turns to a sentence of crucifixion.

Come. Save us. Hosanna.

We go from this place knowing that even in death, God’s

love endures.

Come. Save us. Hosanna. Amen.

Postlude *“Hosanna”* P. Baloché/B. Brown