

Palm Sunday – March 29, 2015

**\*\*Prelude**

Glenda Teachey

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Blessing of the Palms**

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor Katie

L: Praise be to God!

**P: *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.***

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P: *Blessed be the name of the Lord.***

L: Tell the timid to take heart.

**P: *The Lord our God will come!***

L: We wait for the word of the Lord as we wait for the rains

**P: *and our God shall come down upon us like gentle dew.***

L: The hills and the mountains will sing praise to God.

**P: *Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.***

L: The Lord will come and rule forever.

**P: *Hosanna in the highest!***

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

**Choral Call**

“Fear Not, Ye People of Zion”

Choir

**Unison Prayer**

*We stand with the crowds singing, “Hosanna;” quick to praise when we see the king before us. We stand with the crowd aghast when the tables are turned over in the temple, unsure when your justice demands more of us. We grow weary as you pray, impatient for the kingdom you promise. We draw back when the guards arrive, afraid for ourselves. We stand with the crowds shouting, “Crucify him!” Despite our actions, still you bear the cross on our behalf. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us the meaning of this week and the grace it offers. Strengthen us to walk apart from the crowd and follow you who bring us to new life. Amen.*

**Hymn of Preparation**

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

UMH 277

**Liturgy of the Word**

**New Testament**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Psalm**

Psalm 118: 14-29, read responsively

UMH 839-840

**\*Gospel**

Mark 11:1-11

**Message**

“What Kind of King is Jesus?”

Pastor Katie

\*Please stand as you are able

\*\* Lighting of the candles

Offertory

“Who Is This Man”

Choir

\*Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Praises and Prayer Requests**

After each praise, “Lord, hear our praise.” After each concern, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Prayer Response

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH 349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

\*Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH 159

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

“Grace Alone”

TFWS 2162

*Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith; every difference we will make is only by His grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine; every blessing left behind is only by His grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide, Christ in us our Cornerstone; We will go forth in grace alone.*

Passing of the Peace &

Postlude

Glenda Teachey

**We welcome you to worship with us again!**

*To our guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor’s card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a “Meet & Greet” after the service.*

	Readers	Communion	
		Server(s)	Cantor
Mar 29	Susan Safford		
Apr 5	Bob Crouse	Shirley Massey	Susan Safford
Apr 12	Barb Cook		
Apr 19	Shirley Massey	Mike Scobell	
Apr 26	Dave Bartholomew		
May 3	Vicki Scobell	Shirley Massey	Barb Cook

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