Chester UMC Holy Week Worship

Sunday, March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Easter Musical
9:45 AM No Worship Service
11:00 AM Easter Musical

Monday, March 30

7:00 PM Easter Musical

Thursday, April 2 ~ Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service at Trinity UMC

Friday, April 3 ~ Good Friday

7:00 PM Service of Songs and Scripture

Sunday, April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Annex Lawn
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship Service
9:45 AM The Bridge Service
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

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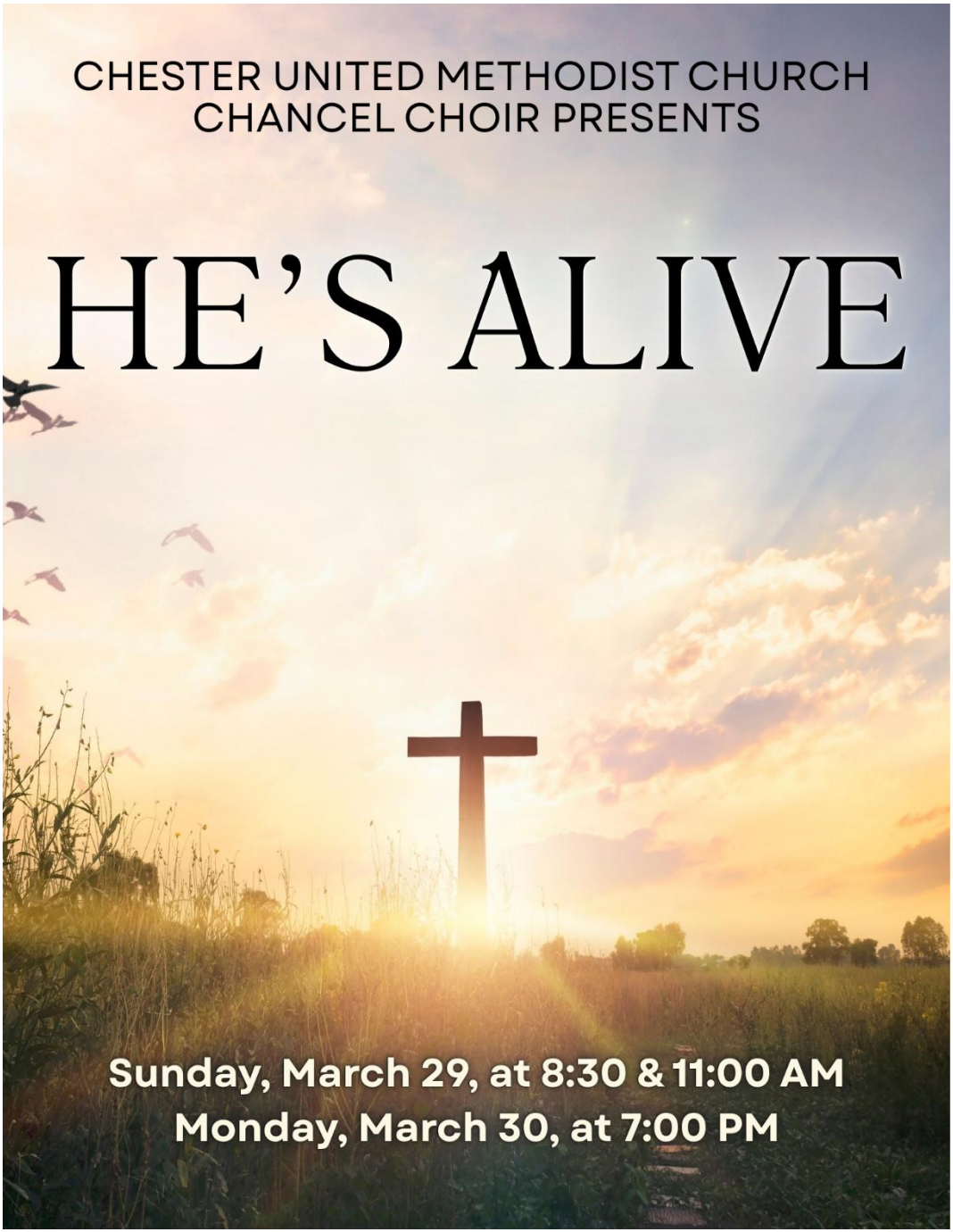
CHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS
HE'S ALIVE
Sunday, March 29, at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Monday, March 30, at 7:00 PM

He's Alive

Compiled by Joshua Wortham

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Processional

He Has a Great Name

For the Least of These

Hosanna
Laura Morris, descant

The Eve of the Cross

Thy Will Be Done

Calvary

Adagio for Strings

He's Alive
Joshua Wortham, soloist

In Christ Alone

Crown Him
Laura Morris, descant

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Rev. Nathan Decker, *Pastor*
Joshua N. Wortham, *Minister of Music*

Maggie Glass, *Narrator*
Charles Green, *Pianist*
Gary Williams, *Percussion*
Jack Price, *Trumpet*
James Hargraves, *Sound Tech*
Elijah Decker, *Livestream*

Sage Wright, *Violin*
Marissa Resmini, *Violin*
Luz Recinos, *Violin*
Brenda Johnson, *Viola*
Ned Haskins, *Cello*
Alex Kehayas, *Bass*
Heidi Thurmond, *Flute*
Ben Grondahl, *Clarinet*
Daniel Edwards, *Oboe*
Gretchen Georgas, *Horn*

CROWN HIM

A stable for His palace, a manger for His throne, the Infant King was born in poverty. Shepherds stood in wonder, angels filled the sky, and as wise men brought Him gifts of royalty, they sang, "Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him with the diadem of glory. Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him King of kings."

The King of all creation became the spotless Lamb, a crown of thorns spilled blood upon His brow. The grave could not restrain Him, He crushed the grip of death as He burst through heaven's gate the angels bowed. They sang, "Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him with the diadem of glory. Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him King of kings."

Now he reigns in splendor, the glorious King enthroned. A massive choir resounds in one accord. At the final coronation every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! He is Lord! We'll sing, "Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him with the diadem of glory! Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him King of kings!"

HE HAS A GREAT NAME

He has a great name, He's the Ancient of Days! He has a great name, He's the Author of Praise! He has a great name, He's the truth and the way; our Lord has a great, great name. Yes, our Lord has a great, great name! Our God has a name that's above all names at which every knee must bow. The name by whom we must be saved we're exalting here and now! Though the human mind can't comprehend a majesty so high, He is worthy of all glory, and it cannot be denied!

He's the Alpha and the Omega, He's the Bright and Morning Star! He's our comforter and deliverer; Everlasting Father, God! Holy King and Lord, Creator, our Redeemer and our Friend; He is Savior, He is Jesus, the beginning and the end!

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FOR THE LEAST OF THESE

The great and the small, the mighty and the meek, the rich and the poor come together to seek the touch that can heal the wounds of the heart, the cleansing inside only Christ can impart. For the least of these He left Heaven's throne. For the least of these He suffered all alone. For the least of these He endured Calvary. For the least of these, for me.

United in need, engaged in the fight, though battered and torn all still precious in His sight. He offers His hope, nothing else can replace. The greater our need, the greater His grace.

In His strength we endure, for His victory is sure. He is with us through it all! For the least of these He left Heaven's throne. For the least of these He suffered all alone. For the least of these He endured Calvary. For the least of these, pardoned full and free, for the least of these, for me!

HOSANNA!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Praise the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He.

In the name of the Lord! He comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is He. Hosanna! Hosanna! Glory and honor. All glory to the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed is He. Hosanna! Hosanna! Glory and honor. All glory to the name of the Lord!

This may be the King. Has Messiah come? Hear the praises ring! Could this be the one? Glory and honor. Hosanna! Hosanna! All glory to the name of the Lord! Blessed is He. All glory to the name of the Lord! All glory to the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

THE EVE OF THE CROSS

He speaks of things eternal, He shares the bread and wine. He knows they will be frightened, He knows there's little time before He will be taken, before He pays the cost. Each moment is so precious on the eve of the cross. Share the bread. Drink the wine. Come partake of the Divine. The Lord invites, He pays the cost, surrendering on the eve of the cross.

In the quiet of the room now the final cup is passed. The bread is blessed and broken, this memory will last. The Master gives His body, they remember His great cost through the elements partaken on the eve of the cross. Share the bread. Drink the wine. Come partake of the Divine. The Lord invites, He pays the cost, surrendering on the eve of the cross.

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THY WILL BE DONE

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life. and gave us hope, gave us Himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane. Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree, and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!

My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done. Thy will be done.

CALVARY

Some came to weep. Some came to mourn. Some came sinners. Some came reborn. Some came to mock Him. Some came to sigh. But He came forgiving, willing to die. Willing to die for sinners like me, willing to die that I might be free. Willing to die alone a tree, He came, willing to die.

Some came in awe. Some came in prayer. Grieving, some came to stare. Some came to worship. Some wondered why. But He came forgiving, willing to die. Willing to die for sinners like me, willing to die that I might be free. Willing to die alone a tree, He came, willing to die.

Some came surprised. Some came dismayed. Some came lonely. Some came afraid. Some came believing. Some to deny. But He came forgiving, willing to die. Willing to die for sinners like me. Willing to die that I might be free; willing to die alone on a tree. He came, willing to die.

HE'S ALIVE

The gates and doors were barred…and all the windows fastened down; I spent the night in sleeplessness and rose at every sound…half in hopeless sorrow and half in fear the day would find the soldiers breakin' through to drag us all away. Just before the sunrise, I heard something at the wall. The gate began to rattle, and a voice began to call; I hurried to the window and looked down into the street, expecting swords and torches and the sound of soldiers' feet. But there was no one there but Mary, so I went down to let her in. John stood there beside me as she told me where she'd been. She said, "They might have moved Him in the night, but none of us knows where; the stone's been rolled away and now His body isn't there!"

We both ran toward the garden, then John ran on ahead; we found the stone and the empty tomb just the way that Mary said. But the winding sheet they wrapped Him in was just an empty shell, and how or where they'd taken Him was more than I could tell. Well, something strange had happened there, but just what I didn't know; John believed a miracle, but I just turned to go. Circumstance and speculation couldn't lift me very high, 'cause I'd seen them crucify Him, then I saw Him die.

Back inside the house again the guilt and anguish came; everything I'd promised Him just added to my shame. When at last it came to choices, I denied I knew His name; and even if He was alive, it wouldn't be the same. But suddenly the air was filled with a strange and sweet perfume light that came from everywhere drove the shadows from the room. And Jesus stood before me with His arms held open wide, and I fell down on my knees, and I just clung to Him and cried. Then He raised me to my feet and as I looked into His eyes, the love was shining out from Him like sunlight from the skies. The guilt and my confusion disappeared in sweet release; every fear I'd ever had just melted into peace.

He's alive! He's alive! He's alive and I'm forgiven, heaven's gates are open wide! He's alive!

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand. Here in the power of Christ I stand!

Calendar

March 29, 2026– April 5, 2026

Today: Sunday, March 29

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
8:30 AM Easter Cantata- Sanctuary
9:45 AM No Bridge Worship
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Easter Cantata- Sanctuary
3:00 PM Pint with a Pastor-Three Leg Run
4:00 PM Youth Group- Annex

Monday: March 30

7:00 PM Easter Cantata- Sanctuary

Tuesday: March 31

10:30 AM Joy Singers- Music Suite
12:30 PM The Psalms for Lent, Book Study- 221

Wednesday: April 1

10:00 AM Visitation Team-116
12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon- Bermuda Hundred UMC
2:00 PM Grief Share-213
5:00 PM Children's Ministry Rehearsal- DFH
5:45 PM Handbell Choir
6:30 PM Crew- 206
7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music

Thursday: April 2

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Annex
7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service- Trinity UMC

Friday: April 3:

7:00 PM Good Friday Service: Songs for the Journey- CUMC Sanctuary

Saturday: April 4

7:00 AM Running for HIS Glory- Church Parking Lot
10:00 AM Resurrection Walk- Annex Lawn
10:00 AM Quilting Guild-226

Next Sunday: April 5

6:30 AM Sunrise Service- Annex Lawn; Breakfast immediately following at St. John's Episcopal Church, Richmond Street
8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM Bridge Worship- Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Worship- Sanctuary

We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today! First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!

Our Parish Nurse, Mrs. Cindy Webb, is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

Easter Cards for Veterans: Due Today. Place cards in the Sharing Bin outside or in the Missions Closet. Thank you. POC: Karen Cole karen.k.cole67@gmail.com

He's Alive: A Musical Celebration of the Easter Story: Monday, March 30, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary. Invite your friends and neighbors to this beautiful concert.

Lenten Lunch Series: Wednesdays, through April 1, 12:00 PM, Bermuda Hundred UMC. Bermuda Hundred UMC invites Chester UMC to share in its Lenten Luncheon series of worship during Lent. There will be a brief worship with hymns and a message, then a light lunch.

Holy Thursday Service, April 2, 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC, 6600 Greenyard Road, Chester.

Good Friday Worship, April 3, at 7:00 PM, Sanctuary. Featuring Chris & Natalie Franke on violin and cello, along with a solo by their daughter, Jenna, accompanied by Joshua Wortham on piano. Master Sergeant Chris Franke is the Assistant Principal Violinist with the President's Own Marine Band. This music-filled worship service will offer reflections on the journey to the cross.

Holy Saturday: The Lamentations of Jeremiah, Saturday, April 4, 10:00 AM, Chester Presbyterian Church in the historic Wyatt Chapel. This will be a solemn meditation of verses in unaccompanied plainchant. This program will last approximately 45 minutes.

Resurrection Walk: Saturday, April 4, come anytime between 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM, Annex. All ages are welcome! You will encounter eight interactive stations as you walk through Jesus' Journey to Resurrection- Palm Sunday to the Tomb. He Is Risen!
POC: Whitney Graham preschool@chesterumc.org

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: Join us for a combined congregation potluck breakfast at St. John's Episcopal Church (12201 Richmond ST) after the 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service. If you're able to bring a dish to share, please sign up using the QR code or the link below. Food may be delivered to the St. John's Fellowship Hall immediately before the worship service begins. Questions? Call the Church Office, 748-6006.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAAA2DA1F9C34-62924170-copy

New Member Sunday: Sunday, April 12, all three services. If you have been considering church membership, we invite you to take this meaningful step. A special luncheon for our newest members will be held following 11:00 AM Traditions worship. For more information about becoming a member, please contact our New Member Coordinator, Joan Osborne, at josborn61@gmail.com.

Keep In Prayer: Doris Hancock; Bobbie Morrissette; Jim Watkins; Dorothy Gonzalez; Darrin Zoller; Linda Nabors; Victoria Harrington; Pat Baake; Laney Marshall Phillips; Reed Willingham; Walt Stone; Monty Nunery; Bruce Nugent; Sharon Buchanan; Linda Willingham; Susan May; Eliza Furr; Cynthia Corley; Wayne Scruton; Dick & Lynn Weis; Bruce Highley; Ann Stuart; Bert Watson; Jo Kiser; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Susan Young; Harold Worcester; Lynda Richardson; Summer Lannan; Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton

Chester UMC Online Resources

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Prayer Chain Email: to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at office@chesterumc.org with "Prayer Chain" or "Prayer Request" in the subject line.
The Chimes – Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January**,** *March,* May, July, September, and November.

Our Presence on Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:30 AM, Fresh Start.....97
9:45 AM, Bridge 52
11:00 AM, Traditions.....146
Online.....55
Total……...350

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, March 29, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Geoff LeSueur, Steve Osborne, Tommy Petrey, Sandy Sims	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Volunteer(s)	

UMCOR Kits for Conference: Due Sunday, April 5. Please place items in the Church Mission Closet. POC: Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396

Pint with a Pastor: Sundays, 3:00 PM, Three Leg Run. Ever had a question about faith you were afraid to ask? (Will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5). POC: Pastor Nathan

Walk 4 Water Chester: Sunday, April 12, 12:30 PM, Three Leg Run Brewery, 4418 W Hundred Road. Help bring clean, safe water to the village of Kasaya East in Uganda. POC: Sonja Seward sonjaseward@yahoo.com Register/Donate with QR code. https://support.h4ki.org/event/2026-walk-4-water-chester-va/e749657

The Hurried Gospel of Mark: New Study on Thursdays, April 9 through May 7, 10:00 AM, Room 221. This Bible Study will be led by Pastor Nathan.
POC: Pastor Nathan nathandecker@chesterumc.org

VSU Concert Choir In Concert ***Sunday, April 19, 2:30 PM*** Join us for this incredible opportunity! You won't want to miss this thrilling concert! All are welcome! A free-will offering will be received.

Youth Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraising: Over 30 youth and their families will be traveling to Guatemala in June to complete medical missions, construction projects, and VBS camps for children. POC: Emily Smith Smith.family21@outlook.com

- **Look Into Your Employer!** For example, if you are an HCA Employee you can donate through *YourCause* and HCA will match up to $500. The Hope 4 Kids Tax ID is 47-1686704, please enter Chester UMC Guatemala June 2026 Mission in the memo and reach out to Emily Smith at (804) 721-2168 so she can notify Hope 4 Kids.
- **Donate Directly to the Guatemala Trip!** Use this **QR code** to donate directly or place your donation in the offering plate. Please note this in the memo area of your check or envelope. ***Monetary donation deadline is April 19.***

Leading Our Worship Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Mike Thompson & Betsy Zalumas	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Pam Kasky, Will Schmidt	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Jonny Phillips, Tommy Petrey	
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

New Outreach at Chester UMC! We're partnering with First Touch Sports to begin a new ministry, Church on the Sidelines. We'll provide support, services, and advocacy to families involved in the youth soccer organization by:

- Offering a welcoming presence and consistent support at games.
- Providing snacks and water for players.
- Sharing information about programs and services the church offers, as well as those offered in the community.
- Practicing intentional listening to fully understand family needs and challenges.

For more information, please contact Evan Moody, youthleaders@chesterumc.org.

RESURRECTION WALK

HE IS RISEN

WALK THROUGH JESUS'S JOURNEY TO RESURRECTION WITH US. A WALK THROUGH EXPERIENCE FROM PALM SUNDAY TO THE TOMB WITH INTERACTIVE STATIONS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
10:00AM-12:00PM
CHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNEX

CHILDREN PARTICIPATING WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD A RESURRECTION GARDEN TO TAKE HOME

good FRIDAY

Songs for the Journey

Friday, April 3, 2026 * 7:00 PM

Chester United Methodist Church

featuring Chris Franke (violin), Natalie Franke (cello), Jenna Franke (voice), Joshua Wortham (piano & voice)

March 29, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **8:30 & 11:00 AM**

Palm Sunday

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Prelude ***The Palms*** Chancel Choir

* Call to Worship[1] Penn Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

* Opening Prayer[2]

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

* Hymn No. 277 ***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

* Gloria Patri No. 70

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.

Why We Give

Offertory ***The Cross*** Orchestra

* Doxology No. 95

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.

Pastoral Prayer and The 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

Message ***He's Alive*** Chancel Choir

* Benediction
* Choral Amen Chancel Choir

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* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

[1]https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/03/call-to-worship-palm-sunday.html
[2]https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/steadfast-love-a-lenten-playlist/palm-passion-sunday-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/palm-passion-sunday-year-c-liturgical-resources

Assisted Listening Devices are available for anyone who has trouble hearing during worship in the Sanctuary.