

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Palms, Praise & Passion

According to the Gospel of Matthew

## PRELUDE

"Fanfare" by Jacques Lemmens

Dave Howland

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Richards

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Minister:* May the peace of the Lord be with you.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*Minister:* Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Rev. Chris Richards

## OPENING WORDS

Palms, Praise and Passion

Rev. Chris Richards

## NARRATOR

Frank Maynard

### ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

#### Matthew 21: 8-11

Steve Pearson

*Narrator:* Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Congregation:* **Blessed is the King of Israel! Blessed is the One who comes riding on a donkey!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #178

### Confirmation of Lillian Ava Brown

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### CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

#### Matthew 21: 12-17

Jody Scheller

*Narrator:* He spoke to them, saying: "It is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer!"

*Congregation:* **Yes Lord, here the blind and lame come unto you in this sacred place.**

*Narrator:* Praise be to you, what wonderful things you share, even the little children  
cry out in praise: 'Blessed be the Son of David!'

## CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hosanna! The King Comes Today!" by Emily Lund

Chancel Choir

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

**Matthew 22: 34-40**

Michele Fecht

*Narrator:* Jesus is asked by the chief priests and elders what is the greatest of commandments. And Jesus said:

*Congregation:* **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul!  
And the second of the great commandments is to love your neighbor as yourself!**

HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu" #446

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## JESUS IS BLESSED IN BETHANY

**Matthew 26: 6-12**

Carol Moegelin

*Narrator:* Jesus receives a beautiful gift. His disciples are indignant and see this great gift as a waste!

*Congregation:* **"Stop," Jesus says to them, "for she has done something truly amazing and wonderful." Jesus our Lord, now blessed and anointed!**

**ANTHEM**

"Abide with Me" *arr. Sally DeFord*

Chancel Choir

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## THE PASSOVER MEAL IS READY

**Matthew 26: 17-30**

Bonnie Hyde

*Narrator:* Jesus said: "I have eagerly awaited to share this meal with you."  
Take and eat, our Lord invites us to share life together!

*Congregation:* **Jesus, Servant, Savior, remembered and revered!**

**ANTHEM**

"Think of Me and Remember" *by Joel Raney*

Maggie Rees

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## JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

**Matthew 26: 36-46**

Susan Brown

*Narrator:* Jesus prays: "If it possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want, but your will be done."

*Congregation:* **Jesus, the servant, savior, remembered, revered!**

**ANTHEM**

"What Wondrous Love" *Traditional arr. Drew Collins*

Chancel Choir

## JESUS IS ARRESTED

**Matthew 26: 57-64**

John Webster

*Narrator:* The triumph day of the Palms now turns to tragedy!

*Congregation:* **Praise becomes persecution; the Servant, now becomes the Sacrifice!**

**ANTHEM**

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Chancel Choir

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**JESUS IS LED TO THE CROSS**

**Matthew 27: 27- 31**

Steve Pearson

*Narrator:* Behold, The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!

*Congregation:* **Blessing, praise, glory, wisdom, power and honor to God forever and ever!  
(Revelation 7: 8-12)**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #187

**CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION:** Ride on , Ride on In Majesty, thy last and fiercest strife is nigh, Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take O Christ, Thy power and reign forever! Amen!

**POSTLUDE**

"March Triumphant into Jerusalem" by Robert Thygerson

Dave Howland

**MUSICIANS:** Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir

**GREETER:** Denise Pearson | **NARRATOR:** Frank Maynard

**READERS:** Steve Pearson, Jody Scheller, Michele Fecht,  
Carol Moegelin, Bonnie Hyde, Susan Brown, John Webster

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Denise Parr, Barbara Vanderhoff

Offerings brought this morning may be left in the plate in the narthex as you exit the Meeting House.  
Holy Week offerings that are not pledges have been designated to  
Novi Youth Assistance and Northville Youth Network.

**Please join us in Fellowship Hall after service this morning for our Annual Pancake Breakfast.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**