

**STEWARD LEADERSHIP THIS WEEK:**

**Chancel Choir:** Dave Bertelsen, Polly Bertelsen, Tom Blumenberg, Sue Fowell, Steve Gerhartz, Sherry Gerhartz, Leo Gerhartz, Fritz Gerhartz, Adler Gerhartz, Katie Glaser, Ellen Johnson, Leo Mattmann, Pekelo Pusateri

**Fellowship Time:** Krystal Fechter, Sheila McGinnis

**Greeters North:** Tom & Carol Bast

**Greeters South:** Roger & Mary Rogge

**Liturgist:** Polly Bertelsen

**Organist/Accompanist:** Deanna Gibeau

**Proclamation of the Passion Story Readers:** Doug Fitzgerald & Sue Fowell

**Song Leader:** Dave Bertelsen

**Tech Team:** Tom Calenberg, Mark Harris

**Ushers:** John Holzer, Randy Liepert, Gil Sheridan, Thomas Thomas

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sunshine Room  
9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Kids Ministry  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Lounge  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting with Ashley Barnett, Disciple Room  
10:40 a.m. FANT Meeting (10 Minutes After Service), Fireside Room

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. SA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Women in Faith Meeting, Fireside Room  
5:00 p.m. Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table; 4:30 p.m. Doors Open; 5:00 p.m. Food Served;  
6:30 p.m. Evening Ends  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Sunshine Room  
7:00 p.m. EcuMen

Thursday: **Maundy Thursday**  
6:00 p.m. Agape Dinner & Service (Subs & Soup), Bring a Freestanding Candle, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Lower Level

Friday: **Good Friday**  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Meditational Stations, Lounge & Sanctuary

Saturday: **Holy Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. SA Meeting, Fellowship Hall



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**March 29, 2026**  
**PALM & PASSION SUNDAY—9:30 a.m.**  
**\*Please stand if able**

PRELUDE .....	Deanna Gibeau
GREETING .....	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
L: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.	
<b>A: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!</b>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP.....	Polly Bertelsen
L: The Lord be with you.	
<b>A: And also with you.</b>	
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<b>A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>	
L: We praise and bless you, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which You redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.	
<b>A: This day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along His way,</b>	
L: Let these branches be for us signs of His victory; and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah by walking the way of His suffering and cross; that, dying and rising with Him,	
<b>A: We may enter into Your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.</b>	
CHILDREN MESSAGE .....	Dorothy Dahlen
PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (Luke 19:28-40 NLT) ....	Polly Bertelsen
L: After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of His disciples. As He came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. “Go into that village over there,” He told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?” And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for Him to ride on.	

the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people. The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

**A: “Truly, this was the Son of God!”**

MEDITATION AT THE CROSS .....	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
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It is true that Jesus carried all our pain and sadness, and I often picture Him on the cross, dying there for me. When I look at Him with a sad and broken heart, I realize two amazing things: how wonderful it is that He loves me enough to die for me, and how little I deserve such love. Lord, I choose to live in the shadow of your cross as my secure home. I don't need any other joy or comfort than the warmth of your approval. I am content to let worldly ambitions pass by, not caring about gaining or losing money or status. I am only ashamed of my own sins, and I take pride only in the cross.

Isaiah 53:4-6 states, “Yet it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins! But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on Him the sins of us all.”

*CLOSING HYMN - Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) .....	W&S #3104
ANNOUNCEMENTS .....	Polly Bertelsen
TOWN HALL MEETING.....	Dorothy Dahlen
BENEDICTION .....	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
May the blessing of God, who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us forever, fill you with a zeal for justice and passion for peace, and compassion for people in need this day and always. Amen.	
POSTLUDE .....	Deanna Gibeau

READER 2 .....	Sue Fowell
The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words. All they that see Him, laugh Him to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying “He trusted in God that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, if He delight in Him.”	
It was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Psalm 69:20 and Lamentations 1:12, thy rebuke hath broken His heart; He is full of heaviness: He looked for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man found to comfort him. Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.	
HYMN - “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs 1, 2, 4) .....	UMH #298
READER 1 .....	Doug Fitzgerald
Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.	
READER 2 .....	Sue Fowell
About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”	
READER 1 .....	Doug Fitzgerald
And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, <b>A: “This man is calling for Elijah.”</b> Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed and gave Him a drink. But the rest of them said, <b>A: “Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”</b>	
READER 2 .....	Sue Fowell
And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His Spirit.	
OFFERING - “Above All” .....	Dave Bertelsen
READER 1 .....	Doug Fitzgerald
At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from	

L: As He rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of Him. When He reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of His followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven, and glory in highest Heaven!” But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”	
<b>A: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!</b>	
*HYMN - “We Are Marching” ( <i>marching, singing, walking, dancing</i> ) .....	TFWS #2235 b
CHOIR ANTHEM – “Hosanna! Hosanna!” .....	Dave Bertelsen, Director
JOYS AND CONCERNS .....	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION .....	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.	
PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY (Matthew 27:11-54)	
READER 1 .....	Doug Fitzgerald
Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”	
READER 2 .....	Sue Fowell
And while he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.	
READER 1 .....	Doug Fitzgerald
Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against You?”	
READER 2 .....	Sue Fowell
And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.	
HYMN - “Sunday Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes” .....	TFWS #2138

READER 1 ..... Doug Fitzgerald

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted. At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that because of envy they had handed him over.

READER 2 ..... Sue Fowell

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

READER 1 ..... Doug Fitzgerald

But the governor said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

**A: “Barabbas. Barabbas. Barabbas.”**

Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said,

**A: “Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”**

And he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they kept shouting all the more, saying,

**A: “Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”**

READER 2 ..... Sue Fowell

When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to that yourselves.” And all the people said,

**A: “His blood shall be on us and on our children!”**

HYMN - “Lamb of God” (vs 1, 2, 3) ..... TFWS #2113

READER 1 ..... Doug Fitzgerald

Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying,

**A: “Hail, King of the Jews! Hail, King of the Jews!”**

READER 1 ..... Doug Fitzgerald

They spat on Him and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head.

READER 2 ..... Sue Fowell

Lord, you suffered and died to save me, taking the punishment I deserved for my sins. I am the one who did wrong, but you took the pain. Here I am, Savior, admitting I deserve that punishment, but I ask you to look at me with kindness and give me your grace.

After they had mocked him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him and led Him away to crucify Him. As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, he was unwilling to drink.

READER 1 ..... Doug Fitzgerald

And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. And sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there. And above His head they put up the charge against Him, which read, “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

HYMN - “Were You There” (vs 1, 2) ..... UMH #288

READER 2 ..... Sue Fowell

At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying,

**A: “You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

READER 1 ..... Doug Fitzgerald

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,

**A: “He saved others; He cannot save Himself? He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; Let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**