

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
- **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC>
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Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Processional

Antiphonal Hosanna

G.A. Smith, J. Schraeder

Pastoral Greeting

***Call to Worship**

from Matthew 21:1-7

*When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
“Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her;
untie them and bring them to me.”*

*The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.*

*A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.*

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” And the crowds answered,

“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

***Hymn of Praise**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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Proclamation

***Prayer of Confession**

*God of Glory, long ago, the disciples went
in triumphant procession before your Son as he entered into Jerusalem.
They announced to the people of the city that their King had come,
and the crowds responded with cries of joy and triumph.*

But less than a week later, his disciples abandoned him and the crowds were demanding his death.

Are we so different from them?

**We expect you to support our agendas and programs,
instead of allowing you to shape our wills to your own.**

We are easily discouraged when our prayers aren't answered in ways we expected.

**We pledge to follow you, but we can blend so easily in to the crowd,
and allow our values to be dictated to us by our society. Forgive us and heal us, O Lord!**

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*Kyrie Eleison

(Pastor leads; congregation responds)

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

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*Words of Assurance

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 24:3-10

Read responsively

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!

*and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!*

⁸ Who is the King of glory?

*The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.*

**⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!**

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

Anthem

Lift High the Cross

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Pastoral Prayer

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, for ever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Jesus, Name Above All Names

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Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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Sermon Text - Luke 22:1-6 & Matthew 5:10-12

Luke 22:1-6 *Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.*

³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴ he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵ They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Matthew 5:10-12 *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Response to the Scripture *This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!*

Message

Perfected by Pain

Pastor Tomasino

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Response

Be Still My Soul

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*Hymn of Response

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Offertory and Church Family News and Notes

We invite you to sign the attendance pads and pass them to others in your pew.

*Doxology

***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.***

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Mighty God, your son, our Lord Jesus ,
entered into Jerusalem amidst cheers and shouts of joy.
The people of Israel promised him their loyalty and their lives,
if he would deliver them from their oppressors.*

**As we present to you our gifts, may our commitment prove truer than theirs.
May we remain committed to the task of bringing your Kingdom nearer to our world,
so that all people might come to know the joy of salvation,
and welcome the prospect of Jesus' return. In his name we pray, amen.**

Sending

*Song

And All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need.
And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa.
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."
If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and he so loved the world,
he sent his son to save us all.
And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa.
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa.
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*Benediction

Recessional

Hosanna

C. Tuttle

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Palm Sunday Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, March 24	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Holy Trinity Sunday School	10:00 am	Sunday, March 24	Various Rooms and Spaces
• Holy Trinity Worship	11:15 am	Sunday, March 24	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Ad Board	7:00 pm	Monday, March 25	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Choir rehearsal	5:15 pm	Tuesday, March 26	In person – Music Room
• Holy Trinity Morning Prayer	7:30 am	Wednesday, March 27	In person – Sanctuary
• Holy Trinity Holy Communion	noon	Wednesday, March 27	In person – Sanctuary
• Holy Trinity Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Wednesday, March 27	In person – Sanctuary
• Combined Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	Wednesday, March 27	In person – Sanctuary
• Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm	Thursday, March 28	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Good Friday Worship	noon-3:00 pm	Friday, March 29	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Good Friday Worship	7:00 pm	Friday, March 29	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Easter Sunday Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, March 31	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Holy Trinity Sunday School	10:00 am	Sunday, March 31	Various Rooms and Spaces
• Holy Trinity Worship	11:15 am	Sunday, March 31	In person – Sanctuary and Online

MISSIONS

The Mission Team is grateful for your support of the CWS Blankets+ Program this month. Our mission focus in April will be United Methodist Area Camps.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Hillsdale First UMC

Shared with our Friends from Holy Trinity Parish

Palm Sunday - March 24, 9:30 am

Holy Thursday - March 28, 7:00 pm

Good Friday - March 29, 12-3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - March 31, 9:30 am

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