

Hope United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 29, 2026 - Order of Worship
Palm Sunday Celebration

PRELUDE: Palm Sunday Antiphonies - - - Carson Cooman

WELCOME

Announcements and Offering

Offering Response: Give Thanks

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. x2
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." x2
Give thanks!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

All: Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

One: Blessed is the One who comes with healing and compassion.

All: Blessed is the One who comes with forgiveness and mercy.

One: Lord, rest your hand of healing on our hearts today.

All: Gracious Jesus, let us walk with you today. Amen.

One: Let us pray

All: Lord, we admit that we are eager to move to Easter morning
and avoid the truth of this week. Help us to face the darkness
so that when Easter arrives your light will transform us. In Jesus'
Name, we pray. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVING

YOUNG PEOPLE *Join Pastor Meg for palm parade*

OPENING HYMN: NO. 213 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
by John Carter with Choir and Organ

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE: A Special Day

SACRED MUSIC: Hosanna by Bishop Christian Gregor, ed./arr. by Ivan Trusler

Song of the Spirit: Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Prayer before the Reading

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11 NRSVUE

Sermon: *Rev. Meg Wilson*

Song of Response: No. 215 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty vs. 1,3&4

St. Drostan tune

Prayers of People: *God of Promise...Hear our prayer*

Lord's Prayer - *Sung by Deborah Frontczak and Denise Kildea*

CLOSING HYMN: NO. 216 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

BENEDICTION

Blessing: Lord, Make Me More Holy

Lord, make me more holy. Lord, make me more holy.

Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again.

Holy, holy, holy until we meet again.

Postlude: Road to Jerusalem - - - Edward Broughton