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Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach

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open to people of all races, ethnicities, physical and
mental abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities,
and economic conditions.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 24

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream
Chancel Choir Spring Cantata 4:00 pm - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, March 27

Lenten Study 10:00 am - Room 205
Prayer Time with Pastor Cerna 11:00 am - Zoom
Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Choir Room

THURSDAY, March 28

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208

FRIDAY, March 29

Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 pm - Plymouth Place

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

Worship Service 8:20 am - Sanctuary
Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary



PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 20224

OUR MINISTRY TEAM
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March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
8:30 am Chapel
10:15 am Sanctuary & Livestream

Prelude “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” arr. Engelbert

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader In joy, we gather this day.

People Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.

Leader In remembrance, we gather this day.

People Hosanna to the son of David.

Leader In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray.

All Hosanna to the Son of God.

***Hymn** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Hymnal 278

During the hymn, everyone is invited to join in a joyful palm procession following our children and choir to welcome Jesus into our worship. After circling once around the Sanctuary, please return to your seat.

***Prayer (unison)** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
Jesus, you have walked this road with us many times. Guide our steps and keep us close. Inspire our worship with your loving presence and work in our lives, that your Spirit may flow through us as we seek to help others walk the journey with you. Amen.

***Gospel Reading** (Palm) Mark 11:1-11

Children's Moment
The Lord's Prayer

Peggy Ellis

Anthem “Ride On, King Jesus” arr. Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
Rev. Dennis Beedy

Invitation to Offering
(To give online go to fumclg.org or you may also text fumclg to 83256)

Offertory “Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies” Hymnal 282

***The Doxology** Hymnal 95

***Offertory Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
We thank you Christ Jesus, for your steadfast faithfulness and your humble leadership in our world. Bless the gifts we return to you now that they may guide others to follow you and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**
Be the face of love for your neighbor. Share smiles of compassion and words of peace as we greet one another this day.

***Gospel Reading** (Passion) Mark 14:1-11, 15:1-15
 One The word of God for the people of God.
 All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Is It Too Late to Change?”
Rev. Dennis Beedy

***Hymn** “Precious Name” Hymnal 536

***Benediction** Rev. Dennis Beedy

Choral Response “Threefold Amen” Storer

Postlude “Hosanna” J. Potter

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Groetsema 8:30 am

Gary Greene 10:15 am

Media Technician

Nolan Deines, Kaylynn Thiele

Usher

Louisa Ruppert, Kevin Mikan, Rick Swanson

Greeters

David and Carol Lowe

Acolyte

Brooke Prickett

(The Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer and Passing of the Peace
taken from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2024)