

Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

The Palms

J. Faure, arr. McBride

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: we greet you;

Leader: acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

People: we cheer you;

Leader: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

People: we praise you: Christ our Lord.

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden

People: a new dignity;

Leader: you are giving majesty

People: a new face;

Leader: you are giving those who long for redemption

People: a new song to sing.

Leader: With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray. To you, O Lord,

who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:

People: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,

that our faith is often more show than substance,

that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives.

Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,

**trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises,
and to receive us as your own.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Stir up within us the gift of faith
that we may not only praise him with our lips,
but may follow him in the way of the cross.
Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of your Son
and to live faithfully here and now.
Have mercy on us, Savior of all, find us in this place.
Friends, we have been forgiven for what we have done
and who we have been.
We have been brought home again
and within us there is a new song of joy and celebration.

All: Amen.

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11

Rev. Lima

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Words to an Unknown Hymn

Rev. Hopkins

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lima

Offering

Rev. Lima

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.
You may go to the Online Worship page of our website and click "Make your online offering."*

Holy Communion

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

*In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life,
together with their children, are invited to receive communion.*

Leader *All*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

8 *Leader* *All*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

17 *Leader* *All*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues...

And so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might.

9 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

17 san-na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

25 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

33 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The pastor continues...

And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



The pastor continues...

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



And now with the confidence of children of God,
let us pray as our Lord taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn

Lead Me to the Cross

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins

**Please join us for Holy Thursday worship at 7PM, the Good Friday movie at 7PM
and for a celebration of our risen Lord on
Easter Sunday at 6:30AM (outdoors weather permitting) and at 10AM in the sanctuary.**

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