

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The winds of God blow strong and compelling through our lives.

**We feel the insistent warmth of God's presence and seek to awaken.**

God invites us to join the parade of the faithful, to demonstrate for the truth of justice and righteousness.

**We are drawn to the pageantry of Palm Sunday and to the one who comes in life-changing peace.**

Whatever our state of mind or condition of life, we are welcomed to this time of self-searching and worship.

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

Hosanna!

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### CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN dir. Melissa Erdman

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION UMH #278  
*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The choice is ever before us: discipleship or rejection, authentic response or playacting, commitment that will go all the way to the cross or

hypocrisy which is a living denial. Like the fickle crowds of the first Palm Sunday, we are called to examine our lives.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all times and places, we confess that we are tempted to join the crowds rather than to stand alone. It is easier to voice the popular view than it is to be a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while sometimes shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "Hosanna" when everyone else is doing so, but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.**

**We believe Jesus came into the world to reconcile us. We know we need this reconciliation. Be patient with us God, help us to understand our need for growth and your purpose for nudging us into being more the people you would have us be. Forgive us.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God sweeps into our human scene, transforming all who turn their hearts toward love. There is grace, mercy and renewed strength for all who seek the life Christ offers. Let us rejoice together, for even the stones cry out with the good news. God loves us. God forgives us.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S CHOIR dir. Melissa Erdman

### JOYS & CONCERNS & GOD MOMENTS

### SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OUR 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, forever. Amen**

\*HYMN *"Mantos y Palmas"* UMH #279

SCRIPTURE John 12:12-19

SERMON *"Wheels Within Wheels"*

### RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY *"Give Thanks"* TFWS #2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks, because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**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." Give thanks!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving God, we give thanks for the visions and dreams that you share with your people. We offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessings and ask that you use them and the commitment they represent to share your good news with all the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** UMH #277  
*“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

**BENEDICTION**

**BREAKFAST**

The CE Committee is hosting a pancake breakfast today following the Palm Sunday service. Please join us for pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee, & milk for a free will donation. Proceeds go toward FUMC's Sunday School program.

**AN EASTER FLOWER** may be given in memory of loved ones for Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Norma Merkel has lilies available for \$6 each.

**GOOD FRIDAY LENTEN SERVICE** will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Grove United Methodist Church. Listen as Barabbas encounters Christ.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

3/26	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
3/30	7:00 pm	Good Friday Lenten Service at Cherry Grove UMC
4/1	7:00 am	Easter Service
	8:00 am	Coffee & Rolls
	9:00 am	Easter Service

**YOUTH LOCK-IN** at Faith UMC will be held on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Eric Howard at 251-4272 or Julee Warren at 951-0750. Feel free to bring a friend!

**FOOD FOR KIDZ** - April 7, 2018 - Stewartville Civic Center 10-4. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for 2 hour shifts. No experience necessary. It costs \$18,000.00 to provide for the ingredients. If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to "Food for Kidz" and put in the offering plate or drop off in the office by Sunday March 18th. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families, individuals, confirmation classes and youth groups.

**PLANTERS**

The Education Committee is looking to reuse planters for our annual plant sale. If you have containers in good condition and of any size that you are willing to donate, we will take them! Talk with Jenny Huebner, Carla Leslie, Cate Ness, Melissa Erdman, Chris Howard, or Julee Warren, or e-mail [FaithChurchSundaySchool@gmail.com](mailto:FaithChurchSundaySchool@gmail.com). Donations need to be received by April 8<sup>th</sup> and can be left in the K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday school room.

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**CHURCH**

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**



**The People Of**  
**Fountain, Cherry Grove and Spring Valley**  
**In Ministry Together With**  
**Rev. David Lieder & Rev. Deanna Woodward**