



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✘please stand as you are able

- PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary in C* GREENE
- INTROIT *Triumphal Entry*
- MEDITATION ON THE CROSS JOHN 19:28-30
- THE SPONGE:**
Let us drink deeply of Christ's grace and mercy.
We offered him sour wine; he offers us living water.
Come, all who thirst for righteousness,
We worship in Spirit and in truth.
- ✘ PALM *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278
PROCESSIONAL
- ✘ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881
- ✘ GLORIA PATRI
- OFFERTORY *Were You There/There is A Balm In Gilead* ADAMS
- ✘ THE LENTEN REFRAIN THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**
- CHILDREN'S *Look Who's Coming* BEDFORD
ANTHEM (11AM)
Children, four years old to 6th grade, can meet at the side door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room, upstairs in the Education Building.
- HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.
- ✘ SCRIPTURE *Mark 11:1-11*

SERMON

Save Us! (8:30)
Standing for Something that Matters
(11:00)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

UMH 280

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

JOSEPH MOURET

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30
Mary Finger
Phyllis & Craig Helms
Thomas Yow
11:00
Cheri & Jerry Forte
Gene Kirchoff
Carol Willis

ACOLYTES:

8:30
Anne Frances Bobo
Darby Butler

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht (8:30)
Rev. Laura Parker (11:00)

LITURGIST:

Gene Lammers

GREETER:

8:30
Mary Finger

USHER:

8:30
Mark Woodrow
11:00
Jackie Upton
Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR
LIGHTHOUSE KIDS CHOIR
Director, Tom Hood

INSTRUMENTS

Accompanist,
John Richardson
Handbell Choir,
Director- Judy DeBray
Trumpet,
Mike Brown

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

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TUESDAY, APRIL 15

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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THE GATHERING

PALM SUNDAY*

APRIL 13, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Michael Precht

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

Communion Servers: Miles Barnhardt, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Mary & Noah Funderburg, Ann Pearson, Jolene & James Schmitt

Acolytes: Waverly Watkins

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season of Lent is a period of 40 days, inspired by Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. In this season of prayer, fasting, and charity, we turn our attention to Jesus' sacrifice for us.*

OPENING SONG *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ SPONGE

JOHN 19:28-30

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LENTEN RESPONSE *Lead Me to the Cross*

SINGING OUR PRAISE

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All for You

How Great is our God

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SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-11

SERMON *Save Us!*

CONFESSION & PARDON

Lord Jesus, 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. Amen.

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Hosanna! Amen!

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

BENEDICTION

[†]You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any, to receive from Christ's table. We welcome all who desire to meet Christ in this meal where he has promised to meet us.

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