ORDER OF WORSHIP

During this time of transition for our faith community, we hold to the words of Proverbs 3:5-6:

> "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

PRELUDE Ellecombe arr. J. Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP *

<u>Pastor:</u> Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

<u>People:</u> Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

<u>Pastor:</u> We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

<u>Pastor:</u> We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

<u>Pastor:</u> The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

<u>People:</u> Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

HYMN OF PRAISE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH #278

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER ~ If you have a prayer request, please wait for the usher to hand you the microphone so that persons watching from home can clearly hear your request.

THE 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.

GLORIA PATRI UMH #71

Listening to God's Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSVue)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' "So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

^{*} Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

GOOD NEWS Rev. Nicholas Perez

Sharing Our Lives with God in Thanksgiving

OFFERTORY Hosanna arr. Timothy Wakefield

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH #277

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE In the Cross of Chris I Glory arr. J. Carter

All are invited to quietly remain and enjoy the postlude. If you leave before the music ends, please do so quietly.

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Monday is my personal Sabbath and I try to refrain from working on this day.

I will still be available by phone on Mondays in case you have an emergency need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

Harbor will host a fellowship meal at 6:00 pm followed by worship service at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday (April 18)

Church Hill will host a Tenebrae service at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20 at 5:45 am at the Scituate Lighthouse.

Easter Sunday Service

April 20 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

- * Church Council Chair: Harriet Loring
- * Organist: Dan Spahn
- * Scripture Reader: Rev. Nicholas Perez
- * Usher: Luke & Rena Lukoski
- * Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Perez

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CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY ~ 10:00 AM



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