

March 29, 2026

“Public Faith”

Palm Sunday

### **Welcome!**

We encourage wearing name tags.

Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

### **Gathering Music**

### **Ring of the Bell**

### **Prelude & Candle Lighting**

“Hosanna”

*Tuttle*

*...acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

*please observe silence as we settle into sacred time and space*

### **Words of Welcome & Announcements**

### **Singing Bowl & Opening Words from a Neighbor**

Tibetan singing bowls took form in the 6th and 5th centuries BCE.  
In some Buddhist traditions, they accompany meditation and chanting.  
They now contribute to spiritual practices and well-being in many spaces.

**\*Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

**If we would not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!**

Cry out, people of faith, for Jesus draws near to Jerusalem.

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

Blessed is Jesus, who did not turn to avoid the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, shares in our suffering, and grants us courage for the path of faith.

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

**\*Opening Hymn (NCH #213)** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**Waving palm fronds as we sing!**

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**Centering Ourselves**

*...in stillness and breath*

**Prayer of Confession and Longing** *(responsive)*

Loving God, so many choices face us every day. **Some options encourage the well-being of the Earth, ourselves and our neighbors. Other options are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them.**

O Spirit, transport us to Jerusalem today – to be alongside Jesus. **Help us to hear his teaching, feel his healing, and follow his example. Let us meet Jesus in our hearts so that we carry Christ light in the world. May we learn from his choices – to embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.**

**Musical Interlude**

*... to accompany our quiet prayers*

**Assurance of Grace** *(responsive)*

The peace of Christ be with you!      **And also with you!**

**Passing the Peace** *(seated)*

*...smiles and gestures of peace – to those online and seated near us*

## Sung Invitation

*...as young people come forward*

**This little light of mine...**

## Singing “Happy Birthday”

**Dan Warnes (4/1), Melissa Stephan (4/2)**

## Wondering Together

## Blessing One Another

*...with arms wide open*

Young Ones: God be with you

**All: And also with you**

## Sung Affirmation

*...as young people depart or return to families*

**Ev'rywhere I go...**

*Children's Activity (age 3 - grade 4) | Children can go downstairs with Carol  
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!*

## Reading from the Gospels | NRSV, p. 23

Matthew 21:1-17

## Contemporary Reading | Molly Baskette, UCC Lent Devotional: Outgrow

“No Kings Day”

One: Here ends the readings. **All: Thanks be to God!**

## Morning Message

“Public Faith”

## Prayer Hymn (NCH #391)

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

**verses 1, 3, 5**

## Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world  
Please tell Pastor Clare if you prefer yours not be printed in our Prayer Corner*

**...God, in your love      Hear our prayer**

As reparations for use of Black spirituals, we support Walker West (St. Paul):  
a music learning community rooted in the African-American cultural experience,  
where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather, explore, and grow through music.

## Prayer of Jesus

**Our Father and Mother who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kindom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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## Invitation to Offering

*We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)*

***Blue electronic giving cards** found in pew pockets.*



## Offertory

**“Sanna, Sannanina (Hosanna)”**

*South African Tune*

## \*Song of Thanks

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below – Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**God of true power and glory, we thank you that Jesus rode into Jerusalem to challenge those in power – not with a sword, but with love and courage. We dedicate these gifts and our lives to ministries of love and compassion. May we follow in the courageous way of Jesus. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn (NCH #216) “All Glory, Laud, and Honor!”

**verses 1 & 3**

**Waving palm fronds as we sing!**

## \*Benediction

**\*Sending Song**

*...forming a circle (not holding hands)*

**Irish Blessing  
sung twice**

**May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
The rain fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
Till we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand**

**\*Parting Music**

*...as we greet one another*

**Today Following Worship:**

**10:30 am** | All are welcome downstairs for refreshments and good company!

**11 am** | Inquirers Gathering

**PRAYER CORNER — will return April 12th**



**Inquirers Gathering**

**March 29th | 10:45 am**

Newer friends are welcome to gather with a church member and Pastor Clare to learn about St. Croix United Church —past, present, and future.



**Wednesday Community Suppers**

Invite friends! Pick up flyers and spread the word!  
Want to help or support these meals?

Contact Sue Favilla ([wicompound@gmail.com](mailto:wicompound@gmail.com), 612-381-4996)

# Holy Week



## March 29th, Palm Sunday

- 9:30 am **Worship** - with Jesus, confronting empire
- 2 - 4 pm **Palm Sunday Faith Action** | @ State Capitol - join thousands of Christians to celebrate the call of our faith to love our neighbors: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger

More info: [www.palmsunday2026.com](http://www.palmsunday2026.com)



## April 3rd, Good Friday: a service of lament & healing

- 6:30 pm **Worship** - amid oppression and violence, we offer music, story, silence, and an impulse to heal



## April 5th, Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am | **Early Easter Service** at Lakeside Park
- 9:00 am | **Easter Breakfast & Indoor Easter Egg Hunt**
- 10:00 am | **Worship** - a joyful celebration of renewed life

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

# PALM SUNDAY FAITH ACTION

RECLAIMING CHRISTIANITY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

MARCH  
**29**

JOIN THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIANS ON PALM SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE THE CALL OF OUR FAITH TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS: HEALING THE SICK, FEEDING THE HUNGRY, AND WELCOMING THE STRANGER.

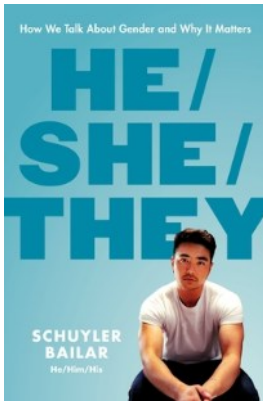
**2:00PM**

PROCESSION LAUNCHING FROM SEVERAL CHURCHES AT UNIVERSITY AND DALE

**2:30PM**

WORSHIP AND PROGRAM AT MINNESOTA CAPITOL MALL

For more information, visit: [www.PalmSunday2026.com](http://www.PalmSunday2026.com)



## Faith & Spirit Book Club

**April 2nd and 16th | 5:30 pm**

Expanding our perspectives...

*He/She/They: How We Talk About Gender and Why It Matters*  
by Schuyler Bailar

In-person and on Zoom.

Please let Pastor Clare know if you plan to attend.

*Books are available at Valley Bookseller for 15% off  
—just mention St. Croix United Book Club!*



**Adult Forum | Sundays, 11 am**

**March 29 and April 5: No Adult Forum**

**April 12: Learning a theology of love, hope, and liberation from  
Palestinian Christians**

**One Great Hour of Sharing | March 1—31**

One Great Hour of Sharing carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis; by supporting domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

*Please use specially marked envelopes and/or memo: "OGHS"*



**Gertens Spring Flower and Plant Sale is OPEN**

**LAST CALL—orders due March 30th.**

*Our church receives 30% of all plant sales!*

Orders are completed online. Details are in the  
Midweek e-newsletter.




### Week at a Glance:

**Megan out of the office | March 30—April 2**  
**Marianne Warnes in office | March 31—April 2, 9 am—12 pm**  
**Connecting with the Word | date/time tbd | @ Church**  
**Free Community Meal | April 1, 5:30 pm | @ Church**  
**Fireside Friends | April 2, 9:30 am | @ Church**  
**Faith & Spirit Book Club | April 2, 5:30 pm | @ Church & Zoom**  
**Good Friday Worship | April 3, 6:30 pm | @ Church**  
**Early Easter Worship | April 5, 8 am | @ Lakeside Park**  
**Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt | April 5, 9 am | @ Church**  
**Easter Worship | April 5, 10 am | @ Church & Livestream**

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flute), (usher), Sam Gromoll (youth usher), Sharri Kinkead (greeter), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Kathleen Dennison (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir (cantors), Kathy & Bob Iverson (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Carol Dusbabek & Kim Klisch (children's activity)



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## "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,  
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.  
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

*Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.*

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen  
 katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

## In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,  
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

*Refrain*  
Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain  
 Julian Rush, 1985  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century  
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,  
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,  
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereignty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;  
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)  
 Melchior Teschner, 1615  
 For another setting, see 217