



United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 24th, 2024 – Palm Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by the Antonucci family, “In Loving memory of Marilyn Sciarrino.” And the palms have been lovingly donated by Grace Reynolds, “In honor of my family.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Let all creation shout!

P: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

L: He comes in humility to claim God’s own.

P: May he claim us this day and heal our hearts!

L: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: Hosanna to the blessed Son of God. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP:

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God’s Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!

OPENING HYMN: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” – UMH #278

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. They have thrown their cloaks in the path of the donkey that his steps might be cushioned. And the scene is wonderful. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we have not always behaved as disciples. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord. Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS of ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News! God has opened the gates of righteousness, and the righteous enter through it. The One who is our cornerstone, the One the builders rejected, has become our salvation, offering us forgiveness and fullness of grace. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Zechariah 9:9-12,
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS (*children will be dismissed right after*)

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" - UMH #277

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

SERMON: A Message From The Colt

1. Surrender to the will of God
2. He Came to Save us
3. Casual or Committed?

RESPONSE HYMN: “I Surrender All” – Collette Carpenter

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Celebrate The King”

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – UMH #280

BENEDICTION:

The road has been long. You have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit. There is much to be done. Go in peace, dear people of God. Go ready to proclaim with your lives that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Go to offer God’s love and peace to all. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2473/worship-connection-march-24-2024>

SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-12 (NIV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (NIV)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives,

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it,

⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”

⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna! “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24th:

Traditional Service 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th:

7:00 pm Service

Communion, Hand washing, Stripping of the sanctuary

Good Friday, March 29th:

Prayer Vigil Hours 12:00pm – 3:00 pm

Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

A Service of Shadows

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

Sunrise Service: 7:00 am

Traditional Service: 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt following service

**THE FREE MARKET THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4TH
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 25TH AND WILL NOW
BE THE UMCSO:**



AND



Volunteers are needed for bake sale items and anyone interested in gathering to make pies can contact Sarah Alliston to make arrangements. Also needed are volunteers to help with:

Set up (8:30 am -10:00 am), Helping Day Of (10:00 am – 3:00 pm), and Clean up (3 pm - 4:30 pm)

Please prayerfully consider how you may help. There are sign up sheets posted in the Breezeway!

UMCSO SCHEDULE

Zoom links are included in Mailchimp. Please contact us with your email (umcso.ny@gmail.com) or call 914-245-4682 if you would like to receive Mailchimp emails.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP Monday, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM)

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 10:00 am (In Person)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 7:00 pm (ZOOM)

SMALL GROUP 1: Wednesday, 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 7:30 pm with Pastor Sandy (ZOOM). (See link below).

SMALL GROUP 2: Friday, 10:00 am (phone 1-267-807-9495; 656355452#)

CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE: Friday, 11:00 am - 12 noon (various homes)

MEN'S GROUP: Saturday 8:00 am (ZOOM)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 am in the GP room (In person)

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: Monday, April 1st, 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, April 6th, 9:30 am

Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study

Date/Time: Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Will meet this Sunday, March 24th, following worship.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE: The free market that was scheduled for May 4th is rescheduled for May 25th and is now rebranded as Rummage/Bake Sale. See details above

THIS JULY: UMCSO is bringing back vacation Bible School! Watch for further details.

APRIL 8th: We look forward to a visit from Bishop Thomas Bickerton. His Schedule will be as follows:

4:00 pm: Cooperative Parish (Coordinators Only)

5:00 pm: Rest of clergy joins Q&A

6:30 pm: Laity arrival and dinner

7:30 pm: Worship rally experience;

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Bickerton

9:00 pm: Departure

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<https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurancetoday>

There is a link to the Church's website
Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly.

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