



**WHITNEY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Boise, Idaho**

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**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**March 24, 2024**

\* invites you to stand as you are able

*ENTRANCE WITH PALMS*

Prelude Music

Becca Taylor

Welcome

Pastor Daryl

Choral Introit

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  
Jeanette Threlfall

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem – Mark 11:1-11

\*Call to Worship

Mary Kienzle, liturgist

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God’s people.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!**

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

\*Opening Hymn

“Filled with Excitement”  
UMH #279

Prayer of Confession

**On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting “Hosanna! Save Us!” to “Crucify Him.” We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our**

**backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities. We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore.**

**Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life.**

**In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and whom we follow. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Psalter – Psalm 118:1-2, 18-29

Sung Response “He Has Made Me Glad”  
FWS #2270

*PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

Scripture Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

Anthem “Were You There”  
African-American Spiritual, arr. by William Farley Smith

Sermon “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?”  
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

Hymn “We Sang Our Glad Hosannas”  
vs. 1 & 4, FWS #2111

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology/Offering Prayer UMH #95

*PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY*

First Reading – Mark 15:1-19

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
vs. 1 & 3, UMH #286

Second Reading – Mark 15:20-37

Hymn

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

vs. 1, 3 & 5, UMH #294

Third Reading – Mark 15:38-47

\*Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

vs. 1 & 3, UMH #297

\*Benediction

Postlude

Becca Taylor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 24**

### **SOUP’S ON**

Join us following worship today to enjoy a bowl of soup and a time of fellowship.

### **OFFICE HOUR CHANGES**

Beginning this week, office hours on Mondays and Tuesdays will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Thursday hours will continue as usual (1:30pm - 5 pm).

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

7:00 pm Worship

Service of Prayer and Communion

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

10:00 am Worship

Bring fresh flowers for our floral cross, and/or potted spring flower (lilies, azaleas, tulips, daffodils, etc.) to decorate the Sanctuary.

Sermon: "Is This Any Way to End a Story?"

Special time for children during Worship

Easter Egg Hunt for children following Worship

Whitney UMC is a **SCHOOL OF LOVE** where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves, and creation as Jesus teaches.

**ALL Are Welcome Here!**

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

**Upcoming Events**

- March 24 – Soup Lunch following Worship
- March 28 – Holy Thursday Worship; 7 pm
- March 31 – Easter Worship; 10 am
- March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt; following Worship
- April 3 – United Women in Faith; Noon
- April 7 – Church Council; 11:30 am

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at [www.whitneyumc.org](http://www.whitneyumc.org).

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

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| Liturgist: Mary Kienzle     | Pianist: Becca Taylor       |
| Sound: Bert Allen           | Band Director: Kevin Daniel |
| Online Feed: Rich Keefe     | Choir Director: Isaac Flake |
| Head Usher: Bill Slupe      | Nursery: Lorrie Baer        |
| Pastor: Rev. Daryl Blanksma | Visuals: Bobbie Bynum       |



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