



*First United  
Methodist Church*

*Conway, AR*



Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

1610 Prince Street, Conway, Arkansas, (501) 329-3801, [www.conwayfumc.org](http://www.conwayfumc.org)

*Welcome to First United Methodist Church. Please accept this invitation to participate fully in worship and give glory to God.*

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### ***THE WELCOME***

#### **Introit**

Benedictus, Mass in b minor, BWV 232

Joh. Seb. Bach  
(1685-1750)

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

#### **Hymn 280**

All glory, laud, and honor

*St. Theodulf*

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Children of the Sunday School walk in procession, waving palms.*

*All sit.*

#### **The Call to Worship**

*Officiant* Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*People* **Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

*Officiant* He comes with joy and hope.

*People* **He comes to set us free from fear.**

*Officiant* Hosanna!

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

## The Confession and Pardon

*All*

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted “Crucify him!” or remained silent. We, too, have betrayed you by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.

*All pray in silence.*

*Officiant*

Hear the Good News: God is ready to forgive. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God has forgiven us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

*All* **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

## ***PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE***

### The Prayer for Illumination

### The Scripture Lesson

*Philippians 2:1-8*

*Lector*      The word of God for the people of God.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118**, UMC Hymnal p. 839

*The Psalm antiphon is sung first by the psalmist, then by all.*

**Hymn 161** Rejoice, ye pure of heart *Vineyard Haven*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**The Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 19:28-40*

*Pastor* The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** *What Does the Lord Require of You? Humility*

**The Affirmation of Faith**, UMC Hymnal, 883

**Concerns and Prayers**

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*All*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Offering

### Anthem

Crucifixus, Mass in b minor, BWV 232

Joh. Seb. Bach

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.  
*He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried.*

*You may give in these ways:*

*Text “Give” to 501-500-5335*

*or place cash or a check in the offering plate*

*or scan the QR code.*



*As the offering is presented the following hymn is sung by all:*

**Hymn 441**

*Sharptborne*

**What does the Lord require for praise and offering?**

**What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?**

**Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.**

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### ***THE SENDING FORTH***

**Hymn 297**

Beneath the cross of Jesus

*St. Christopher*

*Sung by all, standing.*

## The Closing Collect and Blessing

## The Stripping of the Altar

*Christ, our Lord, instructed that he would destroy the Temple, and, in three days, he would build it up again (John 2:19). As the Chancel and Altar are laid bare, the words of Jesus come true in our sight. Then, after the three days' space, it is our hope to see Christ risen from the dead, the Temple of the Most High restored.*

## Music at the Stripping of the Altar

Gethsemane

Carol Muehlig

(b. 1947)

*Text: Linda Muehlig, 2023*

*Garden of memory  
By torchlight and moon,  
In a night sharp with stars  
Gethsemane blooms.  
The old gatherings,  
The ancient fields of war;  
A kiss of greeting where we had met before;  
The breath of sacrifice rising up once more.  
Garden of enmity  
By torchlight and moon,  
In a night sharp with stars*

*Gethsemane blooms.  
The old offerings,  
Trade for a traitor's cost;  
The years returning  
To mend the winding cloth,  
To take the earth for trees  
and make another cross.  
Garden of agony  
By torchlight and moon,  
In a night sharp with stars  
Gethsemane blooms.*

***When the altar has been stripped, all depart in silence.***

***Please maintain silence until you have exited the building.***

***Memorials and Honor Gifts***

*The glory of God in memory of  
Rosemary Soles  
by Michael & Donna Harris*

*To the glory of God in honor of  
Kish Jones  
by Charles Pittman*

*To the glory of God in honor of  
Sarah Ross  
by Bill & Cecilia Patterson*

***The Officiant***

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

***The Preacher***

Rev. Miranda Hornsby

***The Acolytes***

Aryn DeFreitas,  
Eleanor Kilbourne

***The Banner Bearer***

Aubrey Rogan

***The Psalmist***

Nick Dickinson

***The Reader***

Rev. Jeff Kelley

***The Choir***

The Chancel Choir

***Flute***

Kathy Linder

***Tenor***

Caleb Ellis

***Organ***

Jason Saugey

***Cover Art***

*Palm Sunday*, Sadao Watanabe, (1913-1996)

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