

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” UMH 277

✠ SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 19:29-44*

SERMON “Save us we pray!” Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHP “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” UMH 298
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ COMMUNION

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession, a community celebrating together.

People: The same vision is offered to us today: We can welcome Christ into our lives; We can celebrate his transforming power.

Leader: How swiftly things changed back then, How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

People: May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—Peace from the practice of justice, equality from the practice of respect.

Leader: As this week unfolds, We will let ourselves be overtaken by God’s love. We will pour it back out into the world.

✠POSTLUDE “Kyrie” de Cabezon Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

The lovely flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

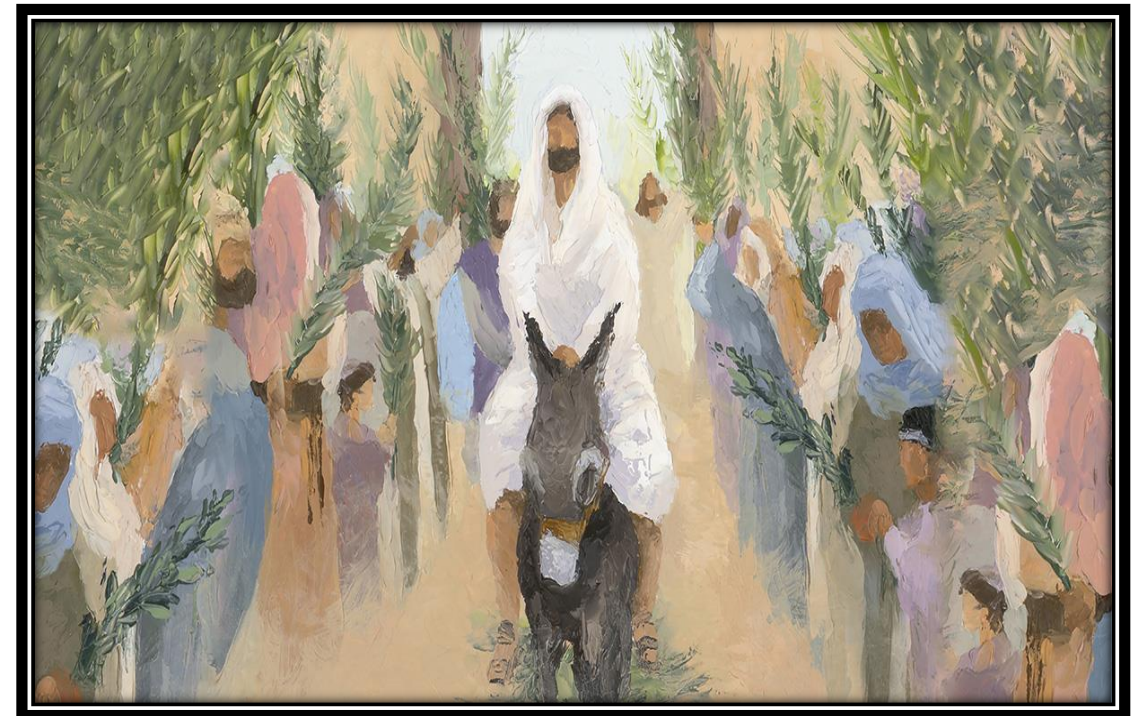
SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters..... Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn
Organist..... Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Sandy Turner, Margie Rabon
and Elizabeth Gibson

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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" setting by P. Manz

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

People: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH 278

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Hosanna, King, Blessed are you, our king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Sometimes God, we take ourselves so seriously —our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements— that we fail to notice our effect on others. And we do not make connections between our limitless wants and the resources left for others. We do this without knowing it. Bring our awareness to Justice for all to the common good, to your universality of blessings. Remind us you love all.

People: The God of salvation, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth, offers forgiveness to each of us through the Redeemer sent in human form. We are grateful that over and over we are given the chance to begin again and that nothing we have done can separate us from God's love.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

"Two Anthems for Palm Sunday" by Lloyd Larson

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Praise God"

UMH 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

United Women in Faith will meet Monday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

Lenten Lunches will continue this Wednesday, April 16 @ 12:00 noon. Lent services will begin in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall.

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17 @ 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Flowering of the Cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. This year, as you come to Easter Sunday Service, pause by the cross, say a short prayer and add some flowers to it. You can bring flowers from your garden, your favorites that you purchased, or you can place flowers provided by the church.

Our May/June Newsletter is quickly approaching. If you would like to add an article to the newsletter, please send it in no later than Monday, April 21. Thank you!

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 04/06, Needed</i>	<i>\$81,340.00</i>
<i>As of 04/06, Received</i>	<i>\$53,927.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 04/06</i>	<i>\$1,854.00</i>
<i>Attendance 04/06</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>29</i>

Prayer Concerns: The Family of Bob Deans, Sylvia Walters, Debbie Conway, Dick & Janice Simms, Thetus Sessions, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Robert & Cynthia Page, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Dan Biser, Jan Avant.

Prayers of Support for our ongoing ministries: WUMC Preschool & Staff, Scouts, Food Pantry.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Ongoing ministries:

Adult Sunday School: Meet in parlor @ 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Handbell Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts [ages 11-18] Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts [ages 6-10] Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: @ 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

Preschool [ages 2-4] Monday – Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

Food Bank: distributes food on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

United Women of Faith: 1st Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 (support group for widows and widowers)