

St. John United Church of Christ
“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”



March 29, 2026 Palm/Passion Sunday 6th Sunday in Lent (A)
Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor David R. Ekstrand, Dir. of Music
9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship 9:30 Sunday School for Children
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Bold italic denotes congregation reads or sings.

*Denotes all who are able, please stand.

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD ON PALM SUNDAY

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH A HANDSHAKE OR WAVE

*PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Vss. 1, 3 & 5 #265

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord,
For he is good;
His steadfast love
Endures forever!

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PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER¹

Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

Hosanna in the highest!

Praise Christ, whose love rules forever.

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION—FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT



INVITATION AND QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The U.C.C. Doxology of Faith

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

***We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:***

***You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.***

***You seek in holy love to save all people
from aimlessness and sin.***

***You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.***

***In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,
our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us
and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.***

***You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people
of all ages, tongues, and races.***

***You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.***

***You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.***

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATE

*O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

ACT OF CONFIRMATION AND PRAYER

BRAYDEN PATRICK FISCHER

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

Let us, the members of St. John United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE & PRAYER

Donna Brandes, Council President

*HYMN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Vss. 1 & 4 #457

PASTORAL PRAYER & UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Come, Share the Lord

*RESPONSE ***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***

Vss. 1 & 4 #261

***When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride***

***Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.***

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Even as we pray with commitment, O God,

We know that this is a week of deep sorrow.

Triumph turns to tragedy before tragedy can turn to triumph.

Yet we embrace the joy of this day.

It is strength for the journey ahead.

May our joy and your blessings give us endurance.

We will need it to face the pain of Holy Week.

***Help us meet the reality of our lives
and the needs of our world. Amen.***

WE DEPART TO FOLLOW JESUS ON PASSION SUNDAY



*GOSPEL READING Matthew 27:27-37, 45-50

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*HYMN ***“Were You There”***

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE ***All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!***

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