



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 24, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Richard Blake

Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Reading

[Mark 11:1-11](#)

Hymn No. 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. **Refrain**
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **Refrain**
3. The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**
4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

**on this day your Son Jesus Christ
entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed King by those who spread
their garments and palm branches along his way.**

**Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our Lord,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

Announcements

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

Psalter

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Ps. 118:26
William Mathias

Bless-ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Response

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 **Let Israel say,**
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 **This is the gate of the Lord,**
the righteous shall enter through it.

Response

- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 **The stone which the builders rejected**
has become the cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 **This is the day which the Lord has made;**
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Response

- 25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God,
who has given us light.
Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!
- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- 29 **O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;**
for God's steadfast love endures for ever!

Response

Epistle Reading

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Hymn No. 301

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

Gospel Reading

[Mark 14:1-11, 15:1-39](#)

Sermon

Anointed

Dr. Matt Bates

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Pueri Hebraeorum

Thomas Luis de Victoria

The Hebrew children spread their garments on the way,
and cried out, saying:
Hosanna to the Son of David:
blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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, forever. Amen.**

Hymn No. 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Benediction

Choral Response *Jesus Remember Me*

*The altar flowers this morning are in honor of Beth Smethie, who founded the Smethie Circle in 1961
by the Centenary/Ginter Park United Women in Faith.*

Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and
throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

Announcements

PALM SUNDAY COFFEE GATHERING - You are invited to gather for coffee and treats following the today's service in Fellowship Hall. Greet church family and welcome spring.

EASTER FLOWERS - On Easter Sunday, please bring fresh flowers to adorn our cross in celebration of Easter.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE- March 31 at 7:00am. Join with the Richmond community as we watch the Easter sunrise over the Richmond skyline and James River with the sound of bagpipes! If you would like to greet or help serve communion at this service, please contact Jonathan Fuller – jonathanfuller@vaumc.org.

GERANIUM SALE - \$4.50 for a 4.5" pot. The geraniums come in red, pink and white. You may order a specific color, but color is not guaranteed. Orders due by March 31. Plants arrive April 20. To order or for more information, please contact the church office.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY –Join us on Zoom at 10:00am. An email with more information and the Zoom link is sent out every Tuesday. If you would like to join us, contact the church office for the details and to be put on the email list.

Upcoming Events

March 25	5:00pm	Change the World/RVA
March 26	Noon	AA
March 27	10:00am 7:00pm	Zoom Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
March 28	7:30pm	Holy Thursday Worship - In person and online
March 29	10:30am Noon 7:30pm	Friday Lunch Program AA Good Friday Tenebrae Worship - In person and online
March 31	7:00am 10:30am	Easter Sunrise Service at Hollywood Cemetery Easter Worship In person and online