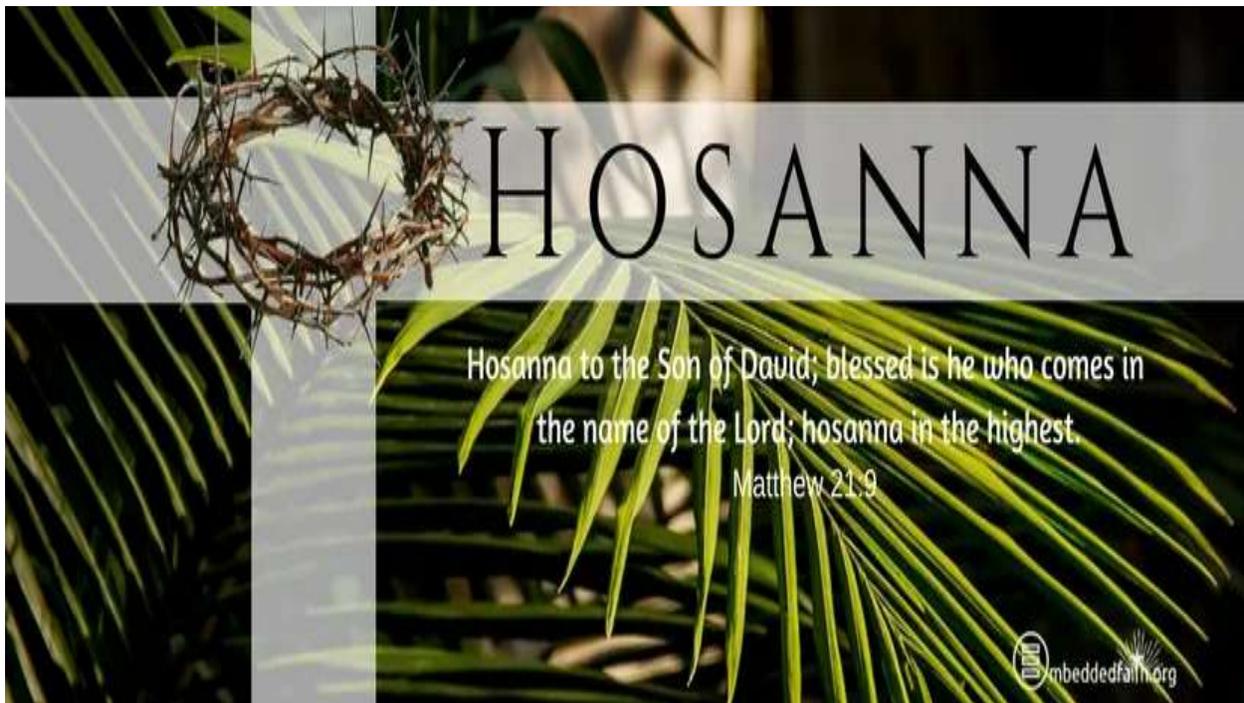


**March 28, 2021**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**

THE FEDERATED CHURCH  
Wauconda, Illinois  
A community church affiliated with the  
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.



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**Prelude** by Ron Arden

## **Words of Welcome**

### **Blessing of the Palms**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray: We praise and bless you, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah by walking the way of his suffering and cross; that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**P: Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8VgZTC0FS0>

#### **\* Call to Worship (Together)**

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

L: He comes with joy and hope.

**P: He comes to set us free from fear.**

L: Hosanna!

**P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** By Louise Bundy

**Special Song "What a Savior"** by Candee Nustra accompanied by Ron Arden

### **Silent Prayer**

Let us have a moment with God.

### **Sharing the Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Song "He Loved Them To The End"** by Candee Nustra  
accompanied by Ron Arden

**Offering of Tithes, Gifts, Times, and Services.**

**\*Doxology**            **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings”** by Ron Arden

**\*Prayer of Dedication (All Together)**

**Loving God, today we remember Jesus’ triumphant ride from the Mount of Olives. Jesus obediently gave everything so that we could live a life worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage and the determination to be your obedient disciples. Increase our generosity so that these monetary gifts may be transformed into inspired ministries. In the name of the Sacrificial Lamb, your only son, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Scriptures Readings: Matthew 27:46, Luke 23:34, 42-43, 46, John 19:26-30**  
(NIV)

**Matthew 27:46** - About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”)

**Luke 23:34, 42-43, 46** - 34 Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 42 Then he said, “**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**” 43 Jesus answered him, “**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.**” 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

**John 19:26-30** –26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “**Woman, here is your son,**” 27 and to the disciple, “**Here is your mother.**” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. 28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “**I am thirsty.**” 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “**It is finished.**” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**LEADER:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**            **“The Five Practices from the Cross: A Final Challenge”**

**Closing Song**    **"Holy, Holy"** by Candee Nustra, accompanied by Ron Arden

\*Benediction

\* Postlude by Ron Arden

\* Please stand if you are able

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**Today is Palm Sunday** which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also "Passion Sunday" which tends to focus on Jesus' suffering. May we bless the Lord as we raise our voice "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Special thanks to Candee Nustra for beautiful songs and Ron Arden, an accompanist, who plays the music today. Ron Arden is the founding Artistic Director and conductor of the Lake County Symphony Orchestra and has so many other talents listed on his website, [ronardenmusic.com](http://ronardenmusic.com). We are very grateful to have both for special music today. May God bless both for making our worship beautiful!

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AND EASTER SCHEDULES**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 1) with the Holy Communion at 7 pm**

Join us to worship as we remember Jesus who was with his disciples in an upper room to wash his disciples' feet and share the Last Supper. During the service we will wash our own hands and take the Holy Communion. At the end of the worship service, we will be stripping of the Altar Table to be ready for Good Friday.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (April 2) at 7:00 pm**

A Dramatic Service based on the 12 Stations of Cross. This Good Friday worship is designed to help us remember the sacrifice of Jesus for all people. This service will be filled with music, powerful stories on 12 Stations, Centurion's experience on Good Friday, and end with covering the cross. Church Burton as the Centurion - the guard - will share his first experience on the day Jesus was crucified. Two narrators, Peggy and Linda will help us to understand the stories of the Good Friday. Let us come to honor our Lord as he suffers and dies on the Cross on this Good Friday.

### **HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL (April 3) - Jesus Lays in the Tomb**

Please pray between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm for 2 hours, 1 hour, or 30 minutes as you walk, eat, or work. Please let us know if you want to pray for a certain time on this day. Please contact Pastor Soon Sun for more details. This is a day that Jesus' body laid in its tomb, where it was guarded by Roman soldiers throughout the day on Saturday, which was the Sabbath. When the Sabbath ended at 6 p.m., Christ's body was ceremonially treated for burial with spices purchased by Nicodemus. For us, this is the day we contemplate Jesus. We pray for Jesus who is in the tomb and for others who are in the darkness and have troubles with the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES (April 4) at 7:30 am and 9:30 am**

The Day that Jesus was resurrected from the grave and we sing Hallelujah Amen. Easter gives us yet another reason to be thankful to God through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Let us come to celebrate Easter service together in-person this year. Don't forget to wear your mask even though you are vaccinated.

**7:30 am: Sunrise service at the Church Parking lot nearby three Crosses**

**9:30 am: Easter Sunday Celebration** with an Easter Skit from the Sunday school and the Holy Communion. There will be a special music from the Carr family.