



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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April 13th, 2025
Palm/Passion Sunday
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Jesus, Name above All Names

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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TRIUMPHANT ENTRY: Luke 19:28-40

***PROCESSIONAL:** *The Palms*

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In celebration, we join the crowds of old,

P: waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

L: Our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

P: We know the pain of what lies ahead.

L: Today anticipates the rest of the story—

P: A story of betrayal, death, hope, and resurrection. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We turn to you this day; be at our side when the crowd shouts "Hosanna!" as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Be with us when the crowd turns, as those who loved him fell away. Their story is our story. Be with us in the telling that we may walk with Jesus once more on the long journey of Holy Week. Amen.

BELL ANTHEM: *The Wonderful Cross*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:14-30

***HYMN: What Wonderous Love is This**

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OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE 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 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, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:32-49

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Choir: Once Upon a Tree

***HYMN: Were You There**

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POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

17—Helen Godfrey

18—Donna Bonesteel, Albert Greene

18—Keith Hoffman, Betty Schott

Eternal God of mercy, we gather in awesome wonder to behold your loving gift of Jesus Christ, who, coming to bring the world to wholeness, was broken by it. Yet by his death, we live and know your unbreakable love. As we gather to remember Christ's gift of fellowship at a table and to recall our frail failings of devotion, pierce our hearts with a conviction of our betrayals, reassure us of your abiding presence, and transform us by the Spirit of Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

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Standing in awe at the foot of the cross, we know that no offering could ever express what we feel. Nevertheless, these gifts symbolize our thanksgiving for what you have done and signify our commitment to your unfinished task.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

What can we offer that you have not already provided us? What can we do that you have not already done for us? Jesus Christ, through your gifts, you have provided us with a way to live and serve you. You deserve our praise both in your triumph and your suffering. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow you wherever we go. Amen.