

*Scripture Theme for 2025*  
*For God gave us a Spirit not of Fear*  
*But of Power and Love and Self Control*  
*2 Timothy 1:7*



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*April 13, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.*

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*Welcome All!*

*We are pleased that you are worshipping  
with us either on Face book Live or in  
the Sanctuary.*

\*Congregation, please stand if able

**PRELUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**

*Point to Ponder: Palm/Passion Sunday calls us to step up for a roller coaster ride that starts with Hosanna which means "save us".*

**\*CALL TO THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY**

**Rudy Hyde**

Leader: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

**People: From hope to despair to hope again.**

Leader: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.

**People: As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain.**

**ALL: In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

**No. 280**

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Rudy Hyde**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Pastor Melissa**

**O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus**

**approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close -- not close enough to really see...**

*A moment of silence with God in your personal prayer of confession.*

**Leader:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

**SONG OF FORGIVENESS**

**TFWS 2112**

*"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

**OFFERTORY**

**Tom Hoehn**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL:*

*Psalm 30:5*

*Weeping may last through the night but...  
Joy comes in the Morning*

*Psalm 30:5*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Dave Porter**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**EPISTLE READING**

**Marcia Porter**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Melissa**

*"A Paradoxical Sunday"  
(seemingly filled with contradictions)*

**RESPONSIVE READING OF THE PSALMS**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**\*SONG OF GOING FORTH**

**No. 473**

*"Lead Me, Lord"*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: My brothers and sisters, as we enter into this holy week, let us keep our eyes on Jesus. He will show us where we need to go.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Pastor: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**