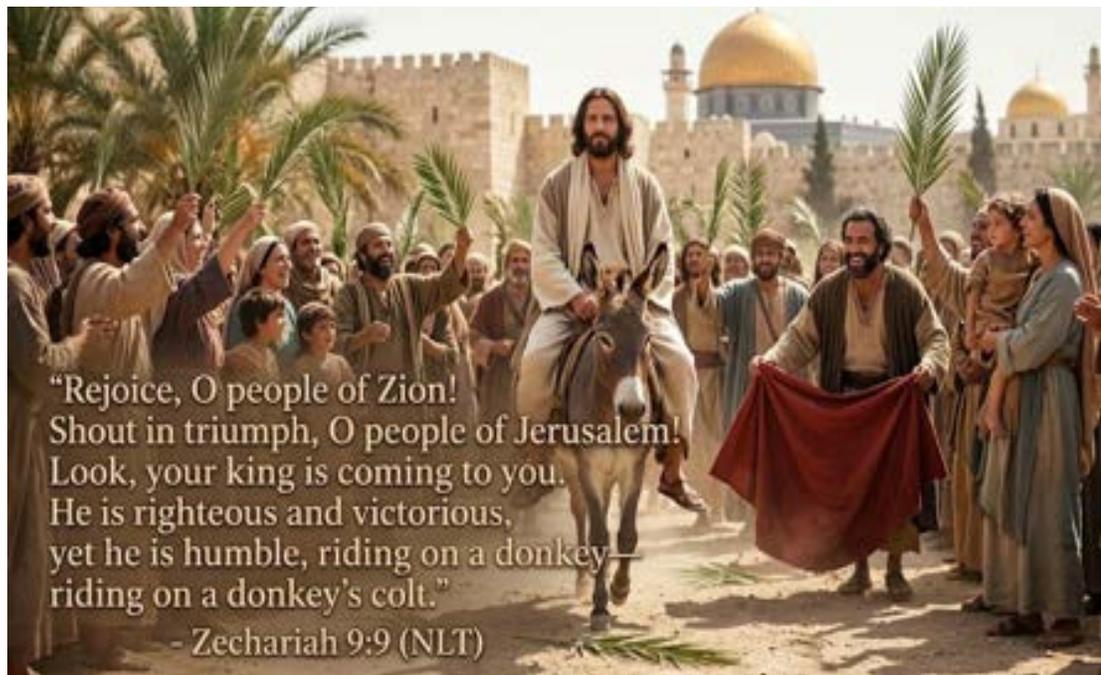


# Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

*Imitating Christ Together*



**March 29, 2026**

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**Palm Sunday**

**8:30 AM Sanctuary Service**

**Liturgist:** Pam Laurion

**Ushers:** Leighton Timm, Greg Carlson, Morey Dambekaln, Sabrina Kahler

**Acolytes :** Nolan Zeitler

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*Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## **GATHERING**

### **Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings**

**Prelude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Hosanna”

Scholtes arr. Smith

**Pastoral Greeting**

**Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

### **\* Call to Worship**

We gather with palms in our hands and praise on our lips.

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

Not with power, not with pride, but in humility Christ enters.

**Hosanna! Our King comes riding on a donkey!**

Lay down your expectations. Lay down your striving.

**We lay down our pride before the humble Christ.**

Open your hearts to the One who comes in peace.

**Hosanna in the highest! We welcome the King of humility!**

**\*Hymn 280**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

### **\* Opening Prayer:**

**Humble Christ, you enter our lives not with force, but with grace. You come not to conquer, but to love. Forgive us for the pride that tells us we can do life on our own. Turn our hearts outward—toward you and toward one another. Teach us to trust what we cannot earn and receive what we do not deserve. As we shout Hosanna today, may our lives reflect your humility tomorrow. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri 71**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Special Music**

“Ain’t No Rock”

Williams arr. Larson

Men’s Choir, Bill Follmann, Director

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 2:3-8 (NIV)  
Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)**

### **Response**

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 278**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**Sermon**

“Pride: When Self-Sufficiency Replaces Trust”  
**Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

## **OFFERTORY**

**Offertory Music**

“Come to Save Us”

Jordan/Leonard

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**\*Doxology #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God, everything we have comes from your hand. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust— not in what we keep, but in what you provide. Use what we offer to bless others, that what passes through our hands may bring life to your world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 298**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

**\*Hymn 467**

“Trust and Obey”

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Benediction**

Go now in the way of Christ—not in pride, but in humility.

**We will walk the road of trust, not self-sufficiency.**

Lay down what you cannot carry alone.

**We receive the grace we cannot earn.**

And as you go, remember—your King comes to you still... humble and near.

**Hosanna in the highest! We follow the humble Christ. Amen.**

*The worship is over,  
**Let the service begin!***

**Postlude**

“Hosanna”

Ligertwood arr. Shackley

**All are Welcome!**

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ’s call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

*We believe we can all love alike, even if we don’t think alike.*

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!