



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

# PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosannah in the highest!





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## 8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Gathering Music

Hosanna in the Highest!

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall

Introit

Mantos Y Palmas  
Music Makers (Grades 3-5)

RR Avila

*Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God. From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God. With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth: "Hosanna, hosanna to the King!" As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King, to the living Savior who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith.*

\*Call to Worship

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Lord, open to us the gates of righteousness,

**that we may enter through them!**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

\*Hymn

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**UMH 280**

*(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. **If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.**)*

\*Affirmation of Faith

from 1 Timothy (UMH 889)

Dr. McBrayer

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.**

**Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kime-Hall

**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.**

Anthem (11:00)	Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates from Messiah Chancel Choir	GF Handel
	<i>Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.</i>	
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Ryan Shimabukuro
	The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
*Hymn	<b>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</b>	<b>UMH 277</b>
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Kime-Hall
	<b>Our God, there is nothing we can give you to equal the sacrifice of your only Son our Lord. Therefore receive whatever we may give out of our poverty of spirit, to the glory and honor of His name. Amen.</b>	
Offertory Anthem	Triumphal Entry Leanne Herrmann, piano	J Raney
*Doxology		Hamburg
	<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>	
*Gospel Lesson	Mark 11:1-11	Dr. Amy Morgan
	The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	<b>Now is the Time ...to Grasp New Ideas</b>	Dr. Morgan
*Hymn	<b>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</b> <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	<b>UMH 278</b>
*Benediction		Dr. Morgan
*Postlude	The Royal Banners Forward Go	W Held

### MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

It's Palm Sunday! Today our music is festive and celebrates Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem.  
Our music is all about that triumphant arrival.

If you only plan to be here this morning and next Sunday for Easter, you'll miss the journey to the cross. Of course we have multiple opportunities for you to go on that journey. I'd like to recommend you join us tonight at 6 pm for our Palms to Passion concert featuring the Chancel Choir with orchestra, Youth Choir, and a dramatic script for Lazarus, the friend of Jesus. It will be an evening of worshipful reflection you won't want to miss.

\*Congregation stand as able. **UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing**  
**Children's Worship bags** available at the front of the sanctuary to the right.  
**Nursery care** available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

## Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)  
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

**ONLINE:** 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship  
**ONLINE:** 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ogumc.org](https://www.facebook.com/ogumc.org)  
**YouTube:** [youtube.com/ogumc](https://www.youtube.com/ogumc)

## Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211  
Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210  
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Connection and Digital Ministry* ext. 212  
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

## Our Program Staff

Dale Smith – *Executive Director* ext. 225  
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## Our Church Information

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## Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that Thursday 12 pm is the deadline for information that you would like to add to the Oak Grove News. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

**VISIT the Oak Grove website: [ogumc.org](http://ogumc.org) and pull down "FORMS".**  
**Fill out your information.** Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!

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