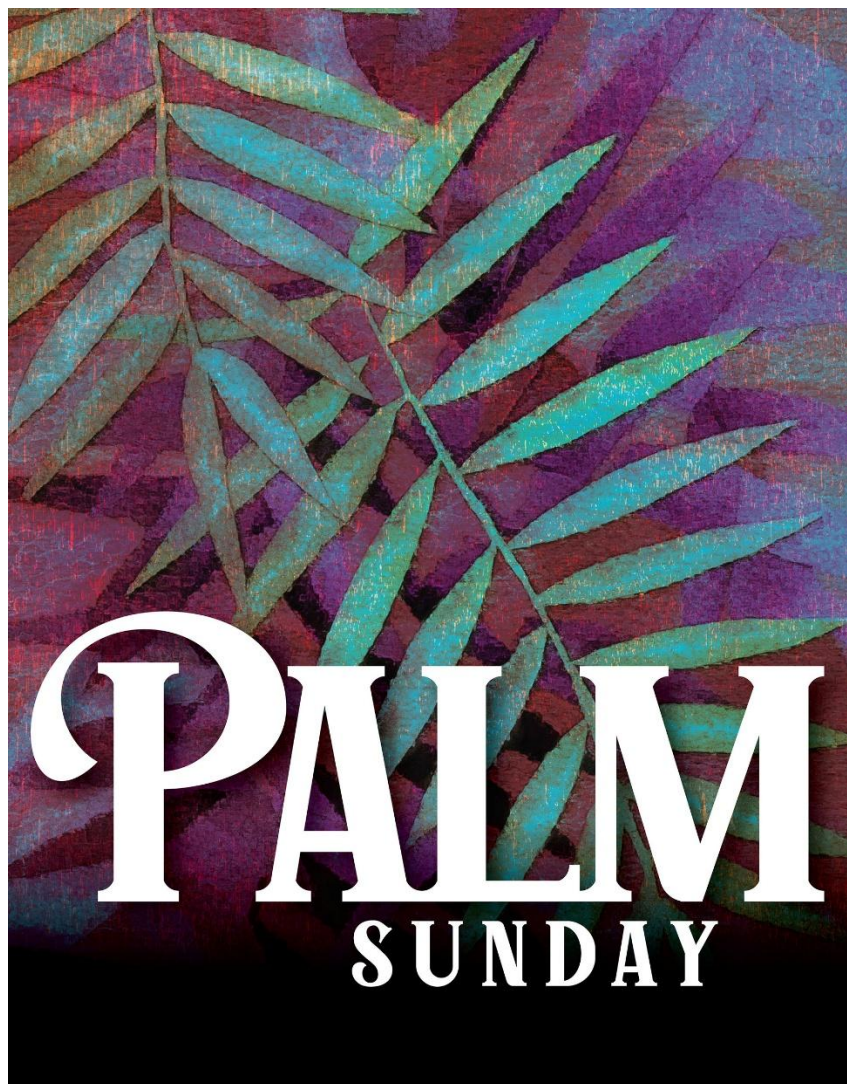


Welcome to  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

March 29, 2026



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**



*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON  
LIFE'S JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio  
The Rev. Allyssa A. Boyer  
Lector: Patrice Miller

## **Ministry of Music**

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore  
Assistant Music Director: Mark A. Dundore  
Organist: Sarah A. Myers  
Assistant Organist: Patrice G. Miller

## **Ministry of Audio and Video**

Jeffrey A. Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Lead Greeter: Jeff Leister  
Greeters: Paula Boyer, Crystal Cline, Brian Strohecker  
Acolyte:  
Kids' Place: Sherry Spencer, Rachael Hersh  
Flower Preparation: Susan Gabriel  
Flower Delivery: Becky Thompson  
Counting Team: Paula Boyer, Sherry Spencer  
Fellowship Time: Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Ian Nalepka

## **Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

## **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

*The livestream starts with the Announcements. If you'd prefer not to be on camera, kindly choose a seat in the back three pews of the Sanctuary. Leave prayer requests in the bowl in the Common area or give them to the Lead Greeter.*

*\*Those who are comfortable doing so, are invited to stand.*

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Triumphal March"

George Blake

CHORAL INTROIT

\*THE HYMN No 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**All powerful God, help us to understand that Jesus publicly protested and he did so non-violently. Even in the face of threats, he still followed Your calls on how we should live and act. Empower us to do the same. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been taught, have come to believe that might makes right, and that we should use violence to get what we want. We experience this regularly, in small ways and very large ways. But this is not what Jesus believed. This is not how Jesus taught us and showed us how to live. Let us join in a time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us and continues to point to the reality that non-violence is God's chosen path for implementing justice and change. Jesus demonstrated this time and time again.

**ALL: Let us find the courage to act in Jesus-like ways, not just accepting violence as inevitable but acting and witnessing to another way. Amen.**

*If you are able, please rise and greet one another with signs of Peace.*

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Children are invited to the front at this time.  
Everyone who comes forward will be on camera.*

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world**

**Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright**

**They are precious in his sight**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so**

**Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me**

**Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 118:19-29

\*THE HYMN No. 215 "Ride On in Majesty"

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Matthew 21:1-11

"Modeling Humbleness"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

*Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.*

THE OFFERTORY “Come and Sing Hosanna”

Choplin

Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

***From all who dwell beneath the skies,  
Let the Creator’s praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung.  
Through every land, by every tongue! Amen.***

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**When You ask for what we have to give or lend, we want to offer it gladly. Open our ears and hearts to Your requests. Open our eyes to see the needs of others that can be helped by our efforts. Loosen our tongues to tell the world of the opportunities to be found in Your service. Bless now the gifts we bring in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN No. 216 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

\*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

\*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

**All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

\*THE BENEDICTION

## \* THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

*The livestream ends after the Postlude. You're welcome to converse in the Narthex after the Three-fold Amen.*

## THE ORGAN POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads"

David Paxton

### References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from "Fresh Winds of the Spirit" by Lavon Bayler, 1996, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

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## FELLOWSHIP TIME FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship sponsored by Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay and Ian Nalepka. Ian is the Master Councillor. Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay, located in Harrisburg and active since 1925, is part of an international leadership organization for young men ages 12 to 21. DeMolay is committed to helping its members grow into confident, responsible, and capable leaders by providing a supportive, youth-led environment with guidance from adult advisors. Members have the opportunity to develop valuable life skills through planning and organizing events, participating in athletic competitions, public speaking, and engaging in community service. Joining DeMolay offers lasting friendships, mentorship, and personal growth, while encouraging members to dream big and pursue their goals in a positive, empowering setting.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL AND WORSHIP

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6PM ~ Fellowship Hall

### GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7PM ~ Sanctuary

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 10AM ~ Pavilion

### EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30AM ~ Columbarium

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 9AM ~ Fellowship Hall

Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/tbm8kejv>

### EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM ~ Sanctuary