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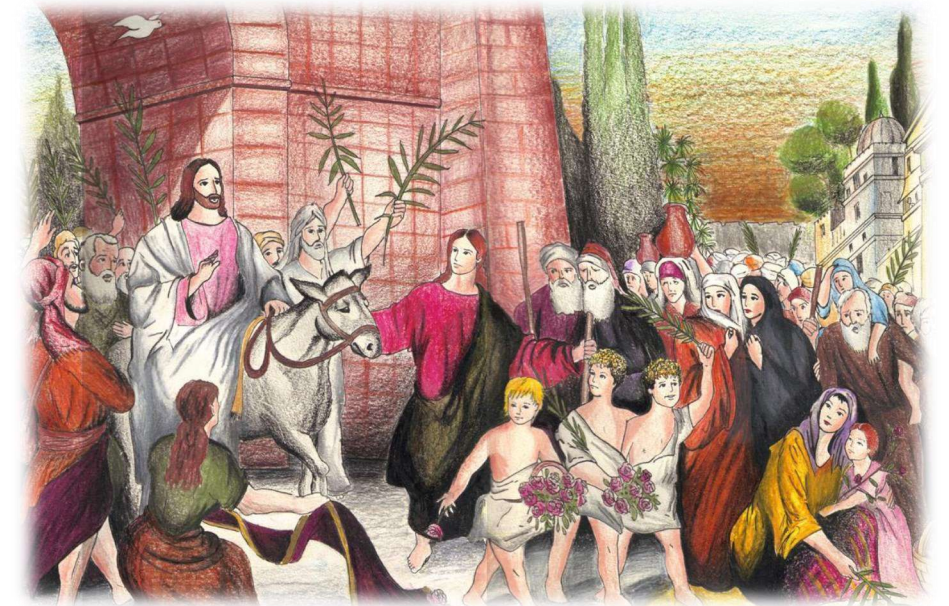


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Music by the Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *Let's Worship*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*PRAISE *Once Again
Hosanna
I Love to Tell the Story*

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Holy Spirit*

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 21:1-11*

SERMON *"IN THE CROSSFIRE: You and Me"*
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OFFERING SONG *Jesus Paid It All*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Song *Old Rugged Cross*

*FINAL BLESSING *All Hail King Jesus*

*CLOSING SONG *Sing to the King*

*Worshippers stand as able

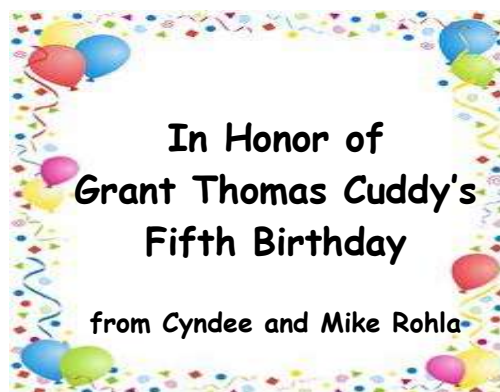
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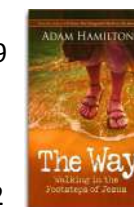
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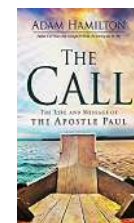
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OUR GIFTS

	Weekly Offerings	Budgeted:	\$4,711
Mar 12	Received:	\$3,736	
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Mar 26	Received:	\$5,439	
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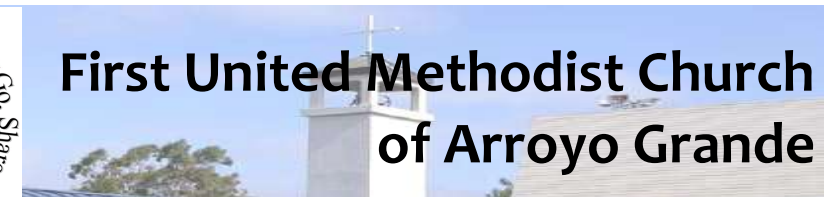
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10:30 AM

**Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday**

CENTERING WORDS

Looking for a royal child, three eastern kings were wise enough to recognize a lowly child in a manger. Preparing for a royal parade, two disciples were sent to find a humble donkey. Even as we celebrate with Hosannas and proclaim King Jesus in our midst, we embark on a journey that leads to an ugly cross, a painful death, and an empty tomb. We follow a very different kind of king and move forward on a challenging journey.

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	Frederick C. Maker
INTROIT	<i>Hosanna! Hosanna!</i>	TFWS #2109

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks this day, for Christ is here.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Sing and celebrate, for Christ leads us forward.
Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Pray and prepare for the journey ahead.
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna here and now,
Hosanna to the King who leads us on the journey of faith.**

*OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* No. 278

OPENING PRAYER *(be seated)*

**Lead on, King Jesus.
Lead our listening.
Lead our learning.
Lead our loving.
Lead our journey,
even when the road is long
and our steps take us through the darkened valley
of the shadow of death.**
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT Judy Atwood

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

ANTHEM *Calvary is the Sea* Robert Sterling

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *All Hail King Jesus* TFWS #2069
 Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *All Hail King Jesus* TFWS #2069

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HYMN (*remain seated*) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* verses 1-3 No. 280

SERMON "IN THE CROSSFIRE: You and Me"
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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Holy Ground* Geron Davis
 *Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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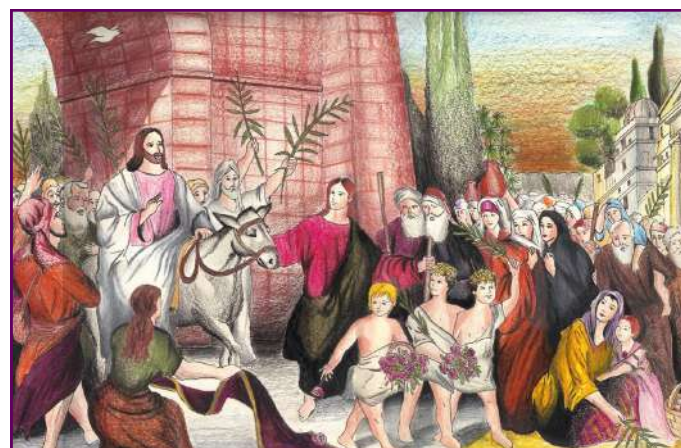
*BENEDICTION

The journey ahead is fraught with sorrow,
 but we do not go alone.
 Trust in God and move forward in faith,
 for Christ walks alongside us on this journey of life.

*RESPONSE *He is Exalted* TFWS #2070

POSTLUDE *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
 Thomas Williams, arr. Joel Raney, re-arranged Dennis Eiler

*Worshippers stand as able



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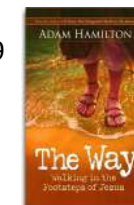
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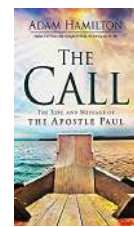
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