

Order of Worship

Prelude "O World, I Must Leave Thee" Johannes Brahms
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

Introit "Hosanna In The Highest" Ruth Elaine Schram
Cherub Choir
Abi Parker, *director*
Blessed is He, Jesus Christ, our King. Blessed is He, lift your voice and sing!
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He, welcome Him with song. Blessed is He, wave the festive palms!
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome Dr. John McLarty

Call to Worship*

Leader: Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

People: **The people waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

Leader: Let us worship the one who brings God's kingdom near.

People: **Glory to God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Hymn* "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" v. 1, 4, 5 280

***Refrain:* All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.**
- 4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**
- 5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.**

Affirmation of Faith* The Apostles' Creed 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise*

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**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.**

Ministry Moment

Special Music

“Our Great and Glorious King”

Gregg Sewell

Chancel Choir

*O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
God's bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
O worship the King, all glorious! Our great and glorious King!*

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Georgia Harrison

Gracious God, like the crowds on that first Palm Sunday, we lift our voices with shouts of "Hosanna," celebrating the arrival of our Savior. But we also know that the road covered in palm leaves leads to the cross. Forgive us as our cheers turn to cries of "Crucify him!" Give us courage to stay near to Jesus in his suffering. Prepare our hearts to walk with him through the pain of the cross, trusting in the promise of redemption. Amen.

Call to Prayer and Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer 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 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*

“The Old Rugged Cross” v. 1, 4

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- 1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**
- 4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.**

Children's Sermon for All Ages

Kim English

Scripture

Mark 15:22-47

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Offertory

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Chancel Choir

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!*

Sermon

The Crucifixion

Dr. John McLarty

Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

Hymn*

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” v. 1, 4

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1. **Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**
4. **Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross, by my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Benediction*

Postlude

"Prelude" from Prelude and Fugue in c minor, Lub WV6
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

V. Lubeck

*The Congregation will please stand.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt After worship today, April 13, all children (through 5th grade) are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt—meet in the Atrium.

Praying Through Holy Week Join Georgia and Charles Harrison for Praying Through Holy Week 2025. This annual lunchtime devotional takes place Monday, April 14—Friday, April 18, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room (110), with soup and bread served daily. RSVP online at www.FUMCWF.org/LENT. For more information, contact Georgia Harrison at gharrison@fumcwf.org.

Maundy Thursday Join FUMC for an interactive Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday Join FUMC for a special Youth-led worship service on Good Friday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Sunday Join us for worship on Sunday, April 27 as we celebrate the graduating Class of 2025.

Children's Musical Wednesday, April 30 is the last Music and MORE for the school year! On Sunday, May 4, the children's choirs will perform their annual musical during worship. Come support these young children and their hard work!

Project Transformation is an eight-week summer literacy program serving children in neighborhoods throughout North Texas. We're looking for college students (open to all majors) to lead in Wichita Falls and volunteers for various summer opportunities. Visit www.FUMCWF.org/PROJECT-TRANSFORMATION for more information. Students may apply for positions online at www.PROJECTTRANSFORMATION.org/NORTH-TEXAS.

BAMazon Wishlist We're looking forward to Bible, Arts, and Music (BAM) Camp this summer! The Children's Ministry has created an Amazon Wish List of items for this year's BAM camp, including decorations, craft supplies for camp projects, and more. All donations are appreciated! To view the wish list, visit www.FUMCWF.org/BAM. Please place orders by April 30.

Bible, Arts, and Music (BAM) Camp 2025 registration for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade (complete) is ongoing. Advanced registration is required—camp space is limited. Register online at www.FUMCWF.org/BAM. For more information, contact Kim English at kenglish@fumcwf.org.