

**Sermon Title: “Gethsemane: Risking Temptation”**

**Responsive Hymn:**

**“Go to Dark Gethsemane” UMH 290**

**Offertory**

**Doxology UMH 94**

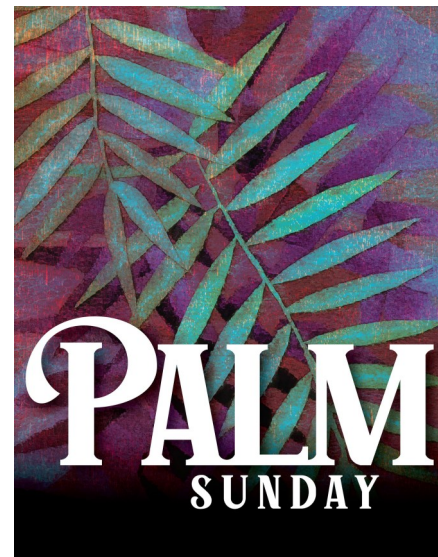
**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:**

**“We Sang Our Glad Hosannas” TFWS 2111 vs 1-4**

**Postlude by Henry Schenker**



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**Order of Worship for March 29, 2026**

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**Prelude by Henry Schenker**

**Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation**

1. Meal today to Honor our Confirmands.
2. Starting tomorrow for Holy Week there will be Come and Go Stations of the Cross set up in the fellowship hall.
3. The carts are in the lobby for food pantry collection. There is a list on the table of needed items.
4. Check Bulletin board by office for activities.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

**March 29-April 4, 2026**

**Sunday**

10:00am Worship

Meal Following Worship

**Monday**

Come & Go Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday**

Come & Go Stations of the Cross

Happy Birthday Gene Lundeen

**Wednesday**

Come & Go Stations of the Cross

**Thursday**

Come & Go Stations of the Cross

Happy Birthday Tammy Burke

**Friday**

Come & Go Stations of the Cross

Happy Birthday Joan Fries

**Saturday**

Happy Birthday Madeline Kring

Opening Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH 278

\*Call to Worship

One: Honor.

**Many: Honor and praise.**

One: Honor, praise, and glory.

**Many: Honor, praise, and glory are yours Almighty God, now and forever.**

One: In celebration, we join the crowds of old,

**Many: waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.**

One: Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

**Many: We know the pain of what lies ahead.**

One: Today anticipates the rest of the story—

**Many: a story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciple's Lesson

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233

Prayer Hymn: “How Long, O Lord” TFWS 2209

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer of Confession

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Preparatory Hymn: “Were You There” UMH 288

**Scripture Proclamation read by KayLyn McBride**

**Mark 14:32-52**

Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. He said to them, “I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert.” Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering.

He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you stay alert for one hour? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.” Again, he left them and prayed, repeating the same words. And, again, when he came back, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open, and they didn't know how to respond to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? That's enough! The time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let's go! Look, here comes my betrayer.” Suddenly, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a mob carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests, legal experts, and elders. His betrayer had given them a sign: “Arrest the man I kiss, and take him away under guard.” As soon as he got there, Judas said to Jesus, “Rabbi!” Then he kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew a sword and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his ear. Jesus responded, “Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like an outlaw? Day after day, I was with you, teaching in the temple, but you didn't arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” And all his disciples left him and ran away. One young man, a disciple, was wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They grabbed him, but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**