

*Richland Center United Methodist Church  
A Community of Faith  
Palm to Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024*



**\*\*Please wear a name tag. You will find them on the round table in the Narthex area. Thank you.\*\***

*Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\*This mark invited those who are able to please stand*  
**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

**HYMN**                      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*      278

**PALM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:** Mark 1:1-11 (NIV)

**MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)**  
**The Return of Jesus the Hero**

**\*HYMN**                      *All Glory, Laud and Honor*      280

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -- A Lenten Creed**

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen

**WORSHIP IN GIVING**

**\*Doxology**

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. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**              *“Come Walk With Me”*

**WORSHIP IN PRAYER**

**Individual**

**Pastoral**

**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**                      *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*      2112

**THE PASSION OF JESUS**

*(from The New Living Translation Bible)*

**PART 1 -- Mark 14:1-50**

**INTERLUDE -- HYMN**      *Lamb of God*      2113

**PART 2 -- Mark 14:51-15:15**

**A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN**                      *What Wondrous Love Is This?*      292

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Please join us for the rest of the Passion story on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.*

**Hymn Leaders:** Connie Frye, Rosanne Knower,  
Kathy Schwinefus

**Pianist:** Jennifer Hall

**Scripture Reader:** Paul Knower

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for presenting yourself not as a warlord, but as the Prince of Peace. May I also remember that it is more important to serve than to be served. Amen.*

**This Week's Events:**

- 24 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- 26 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library  
Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m.
- 28 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library
- 29 **Area Good Friday Services:**  
St. John's Lutheran Church: 1:00 p.m.  
Richland Center UMC: 3:00 p.m.  
Willow Valley UMC: 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Choir Practice: 10:00 a.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 31 **Easter Sunday**  
Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- 02 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library  
Missions Mtg: 4:30 p.m.- Library
- 04 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
Tate Perkins	3/1 Lucy Joyce	3/8	Avery & Carissa Hatfield 3/19
Rachel Kaszubski	3/3 Michelle Woodman	3/8	
Deanna Gochenaur	3/4 Novali Ludwig	3/9	
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4 Dan Tracy	3/10	
Danielle Worthington	3/5 Jerry Bower	3/27	
Amanda Vitale	3/5 Jocelyn Storer	3/31	
Martin Rohn	3/7 Emelia Tracy	3/31	

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Hours: Monday-Thursday  
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**Special Charge/Church Conference**



We will hold a special Charge/Church Conference on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Revered Kimerly Brumm will

officiate.



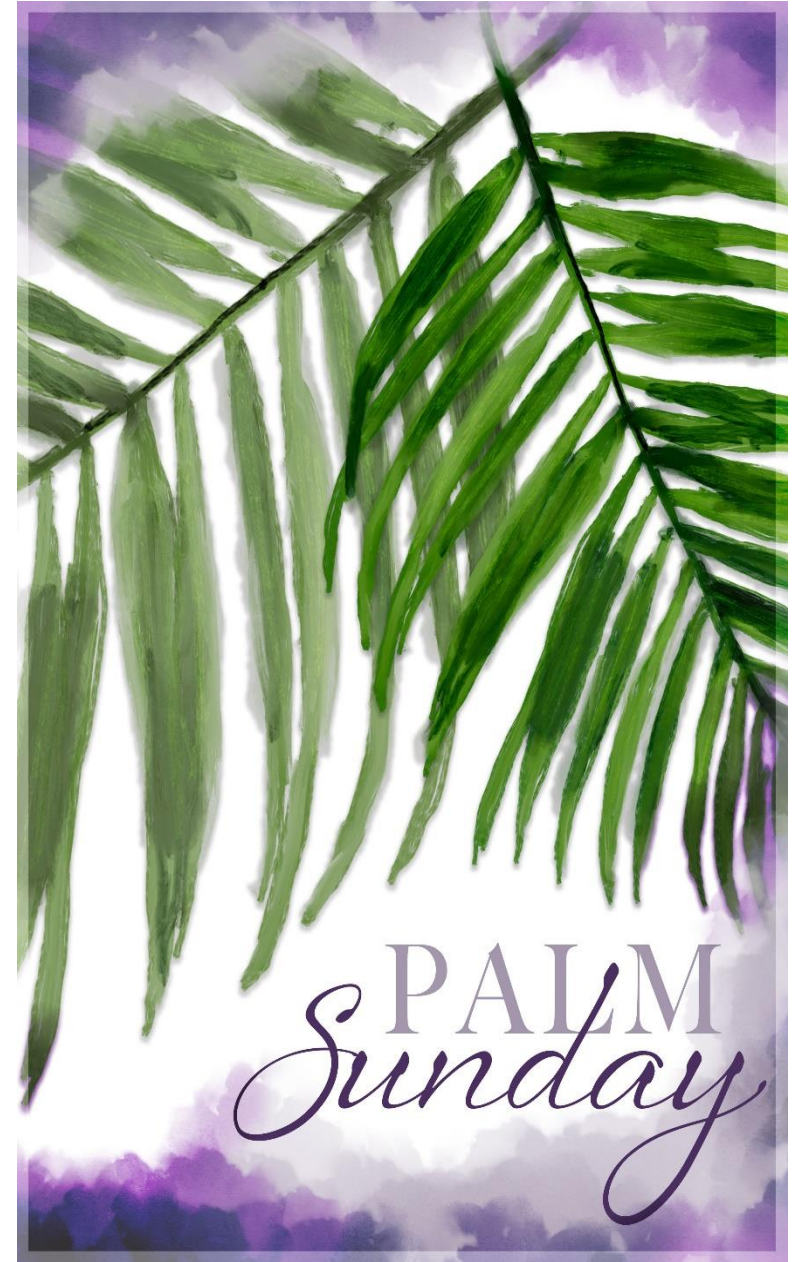
TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY  
 HOST ....

Many thanks to Dianne Monson for hosting coffee hour today.

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### UMCOR

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering understates UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that

100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

**UMCOR is also the Mission Focus for the month of March.**

**Please consider donating to UMCOR and help share God's love to communities everywhere.**



**New Worship Times – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Please make sure to note our new Sunday Worship time will be**

**10:00 a.m.**

Our Sunday school will be held at 10:15 a.m.

Coffee - Fellowship Hour will be right after Worship Service.



**Good Friday Services being held in the area:  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

St. John's Lutheran Church: 1:00 p.m.  
Richland Center UMC at 3:00 p.m.

Willow Valley UMC at 5:30 p.m.

### Easter Offering



Our Easter offering this year will go to A Child's Place. Please give appropriately to this very worthwhile place.

### Easter Flowers



There is still time to sign up for donating a flower for Easter Sunday. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.