

**Sodus United Third Methodist Church Welcomes You**  
**April 13, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**“Palm Sunday”**

**We Gather to Be the Church in Worship**  
**! indicates to please stand if you are able**

Prelude/Gathering:

Receiving the Light of Christ into our Sanctuary:

Announcements:

Call To Discipleship:

L: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**P: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**P: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

L: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**P: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

L: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save.

**P: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

**! Hymn of Praise: “This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”**  
**UMH #658**

Time For Young Disciples: **“Thank You!!!”**

Morning Prayer: (In Unison..)

**God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also, with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always, Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

*Liturgist*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (pgs. 839-840)

*Liturgist*

**! Gloria Patri: (In Unison..)**

**UMH #70**

**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.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40

*Liturgist*

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

**! Hymn of Preparation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
UMH #474**

New Testament Reading: Psalm 31:9-16

*Dale Davis*

**Time For Mature Disciples:  
“God’s Steadfast Love Never Fails”**

Preparing to give Tithes and Best Offerings: (In Unison..)

**God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior, Amen.**

**God’s Epiphanies in Our Lives:  
Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**Moments of Grace**

**Sodus United Third Methodist Church  
Celebrates  
PALM SUNDAY  
April 13, 2025**



**The events of Holy Week make up the central story of our faith. Can we see the suffering of others in our world in the passion of Jesus? What are some ways that the daughters and sons of humanity are crucified today? How are we called to respond?**

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer: (In Unison): Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come...**

! Hymn: Cares Chorus TFWS #2215

! Hymn: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277

! Closing Prayer: (In Unison..)

Lord, as we journey towards the cross, we pray that we may be faithful witnesses to the love of Christ, and that we may be transformed by His grace. May the joy of Easter fill our hearts and guide our steps. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

! **Benediction with Blessings:**

L: Friends, Go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God's love endures forever.

**L and P: God's love endures forever. Amen!!**

Taking the Light of Christ Out of Our Sanctuary:  
Postlude: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH #431

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When sharing a prayer concern or information of someone in need of a pastoral visit, please provide me with their contact information, and I will pass along to Rev. David B. Herrmann (315-460-6758) or Pastor Linda Glantz. Thank You!

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Please include your contact information in case Rev. David B. Herrmann or Pastor Linda Glantz should need to contact you for clarification.

L: **23** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: 24 This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L and P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: **25** Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**P: 25 O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

L: **26** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P: 26 We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

L: **27** The Lord is God, who has given us light.

**P: 27 Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

L: **28** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**P: 29 O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**L and P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

### Responsive Reading:

#### **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

L: **1** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**P: 2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

**L and P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: **19** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**P: 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: **21** I thank you that have answered me and have become my salvation.

**P: 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

