



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.



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WORSHIP
10:00 AM

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture

Mark 11:1-11



Who we are. What we do.



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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE "Fanfare on DEO GRACIAS" ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

GREETING & WELCOME

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" UMC 280

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Will you follow?

All: Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout "Hosanna"?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell

After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hosanna!" ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-11 (NRSVUE)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Rev. Max Richter

"The good news is...inspiring us to act"

*HYMN

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

FWS 2112

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

One: God of the peaceful parade,

All: God of the humble entry, God of the people and the song, we come to you today with the prayers of our hearts.

We come to you today because we know that you are a God who listens.

You are a God who walks with us. You are a God who acts, and for that, we are grateful.

So today, Holy One, we pray for guidance.

Like Jesus, we want to act upon our beliefs.

We want to allow the good news of the gospel to move through us.

We want to gather people together. We want to move toward something good, but we admit, we are often unsure of what to do.

We are unsure of the steps to take.

We are unsure of the road before us.

So today we pray— give us strength.

Give us the strength to live like the crowds that day in Jerusalem.

Where they held palm branches, may we hold a hand out to our neighbor.

May we hold open the door for each other. May we hold onto hope.

Where they cried "Hosanna," **may we cry out for justice.**

May we cry out with joy. May we cry out to you.

Where they laid down their coats, **may we lay down our resources— our energy, our creativity, and our time— so that we can build your promised day here.**

We do not want to simply talk about our faith.

We want to act on it, so may this prayer be the first step.

May this prayer, and the earnestness in our hearts, move us closer to you.

With cries of "Hosanna!" on our tongues, we join our voices together to pray the words your son taught us to pray, saying . . .

Our God*, 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.

(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Here I Am, Lord” DAN SCHUTTE, ARR. ARNOLD SHERMAN

*HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This” UMH 292

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen” JOHANNES BRAHMS

Liturgy: by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Holy Week at Good Samaritan



Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion and Chancel Choir

We remember Jesus' last night with his disciples around the table. Childcare provided.



Friday, April 3 | 7:00 p.m.
Joint Good Friday service
We will join Lake Harriet and Church of Peace UMC (Richfield) for a joint Good Friday service featuring the Seven Last Words of Christ and a combined choir. Music and scripture will be woven together throughout this “lessons and carols” style service. Lake Harriet is hosting the service at 4901 Chowen Avenue South, Minneapolis.



Sunday, April 5 | 10:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship with Chancel Choir and Jubilee! Bell Choir
Come celebrate the Resurrection with our annual traditions of the Easter Garden, the Hallelujah Chorus and a joyful service for all ages. Children can enjoy an Easter craft Eggstravaganza!



Palm Sunday Was a Protest

by Nicolette Faison

Inspired by Mark 11:1-11

12”x24” Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas

Palm Sunday Was a Protest is a sister piece to *LL Cool J* in that the inspiration was also stained glass. Unlike *LL Cool J*, *Palm Sunday Was a Protest* contains a bit more detail emphasizing the hectic energy that is found in movements. Each segment is meant to capture the eye but the central subjects are in black and white, contrasting the brilliant color palette.

The order of colors is intentionally a rainbow as a nod to the Queer community. The piece contains a sunrise behind the iconic Palm Sunday donkey, which is an ode to the Sunrise Movement.¹ Accompanying the donkey are crowds of people with fists raised in the air, a common sight at any protest. The phrase, “No Justice, No Peace” sits around a “power to the people fist” symbolizing resistance. This symbol was first utilized by labor and liberation movements in the early 1900s. I personally associate the fist with the Black Power movement of the 1960s. Along the bottom of the piece, the grassroots of the image, are palms, a nod to the biblical story.

Palm Sunday Was a Protest is an ode to modern movements. This piece visually aligns how Palm Sunday is talked about with the active work happening today. Resist fascism. Resist occupation. Do justice. —Rev. Nicolette Faison

Look

As you scan the image, notice the contrast between vibrant colors and black and white. What does this contrast convey to you?

¹ The Sunrise Movement received increased attention at the end of the 2010s into the 2020s as a movement for young people committed to stopping climate change. sunrisemovement.org



Good Sam Happenings

You're in a **GOOD** place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

Parenting Workshop

"5 Keys to Raising Resilient Kids"

TODAY, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Room 201



Parents, teachers, and other caregivers can learn proven strategies to help kids handle stress, anxiety, and life's ups and downs with confidence. Join Jan in Room 201 at 11:30 today!

March is Minnesota Food Share Month



We're wrapping up our March food drive! This year, we are highlighting the food shelf at **STEP** (St. Louis Park Emergency Program). **STEP** provides emergency food packs for clients who are in immediate need of food. Some of these clients are unhoused. STEP provides easy to use, small-sized options, which are not often donated. We would like to create a supply of these items so STEP can meet the increasing requests for emergency food. We will be collecting your donations through the month of March. Look for the collection basket in the Narthex.

Items needed:

- mac & cheese cups
- easy-open canned vegetables
- individual cereal boxes/cups
- tuna or chicken pouches (unflavored)
- chicken salad pouches (unflavored)
- snack-sized trail mix/nuts
- shelf-stable almond milk



Trans Day of Visibility Event

Celebrate Trans Day of Visibility with Prism Network and other folks in the West Metro this **Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.** at the Plymouth Community Center (14800 34th Ave N). Together we'll gather for simple refreshments and a powerful community experience, learning from a panel presentation by "Mama Bear" parents of trans folks. We'll also take action by creating affirming artwork and contacting legislators about the importance of supporting trans Minnesotans. Allies are encouraged to attend. There is no cost, but please RSVP. Visit tinyurl.com/TDOVWM to learn more and RSVP.



Spring Ring Handbell Concert



On **Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m.**, the Good Samaritan handbell choirs will perform in the 58th annual Spring Ring concert. The concert showcases the musical talents of all four of the Good Samaritan handbell groups, with solos rung by each choir and massed songs with all groups ringing together. We welcome you to come hear the Chancel Chimes, the community group Ding Dong Dollies, Jubilee!, and the Razzlin' Dazzlers quartet performing together. During the concert, there will be a no-stress opportunity for audience ringing where you can give handbells a try. Following the concert, you are welcome to a \$5/person appetizer and dessert smorgasbord to dine and mingle with the ringers. We hope to see you there!

Spring Social

Mark your calendar for this year's Spring Social – **Friday, May 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall.** Our Homeward Bound band hosts this event with special guests joining them. Enjoy a variety of desserts, coffee, tea, and lemonade. A free-will offering will support the music ministries of our church.

Scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/GSSpringSocial2026 to register to attend, to contribute desserts, or to volunteer to help in the kitchen.

