# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

#### **Pre-Service Music**

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people.

**Prelude** Hosanna Bell Choir

Greeting The Lord be with you! And also with you!

\*Call to Worship (screen)

Gary Tice, Liturgist

L: Let all creation shout!

P: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

L: He comes in humility to claim God's own.

P: May he claim us this day and heal our hearts!

L: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: Hosanna to the blessed Son of God. AMEN.

#### Palm Parade

Before singing the opening hymn, all children and interested adults are invited to meet in the back of the Sanctuary to participate in the Palm Parade. Everyone is invited to sing and wave their palms as an act of praise.

\*Opening Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

# \*Opening Prayer

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!

\*Passing of the Peace

**Community Connections** 

#### Children's Message

#### Receiving God's Tithes and Prayer

**Offertory** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Bell Choir

**\*Doxology** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #95

#### \*Offertory Dedication and Prayer (screen)

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Preparation** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 NRSV Liturgist

**Sermon** Where Do We Go From Here Rev. Lori

\*Closing Hymn Were You There #288

# \*Mission Statement (screen)

Leader: We are a community called to worship

and glorify God by

People: Bringing People to Christ,

Growing People in Christ,

And Serving People for Christ.

Leader: This is our mission.

All: Thanks be to God!

\*Benediction and Sending Forth

**Postlude** 

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The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

Church Office Hours
Mon & Fri: 9am-noon
Tue, Wed, Thu: noon-3pm

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

# ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Gina Sylvester IN HONOR & CELEBRATION OF AMELIA'S 10TH BIRTHDAY ON 3/21 & PASTOR LORI'S BIRTHDAY ON 3/23.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMELIA & PASTOR LORI!







#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024, 7:30PM

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

#### GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE-A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

MARCH 29, 2024, 7:30 PM

Tenebrae is a service of shadows, depicting the final hours of Christ's life on earth. Based on the ancient tradition of Tenebrae, the gradual extinguishing of candles produces increased shadows and ultimately darkness by the end of the service, symbolizing Christ's death. Accompanied by piano and cello, this work promises to be a very meaningful underscore to our own person journey to the cross this Lenten season.

#### EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

6:00AM—SUNRISE SERVICE IN CEMETERY
10:00AM—SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
& LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK

\*No Sunday School or evening youth groups on Easter\*

Take action items for this week are printed in RED. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

#### SAVE THE DATES

March 28 – April 1 & April 8th—Church Office Closed April 14 – Native American Ministries, Special Giving Sunday May 19th – Philadelphia Bronze Bell Choir Concert—details coming soon! July 20 – Trenton Thunder Night—see event information below



# LENTEN FELLOWSHIP LUNCH -TODAY-

You are invited to our first **Lenten Fellowship Lunch** following worship today. This time spent in fellowship with your church family will include lunch (pulled pork, salads, mac & cheese) & an egg hunt for children & youth.



# TRENTON THUNDER FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH, 2024 (6:30PM)
-FIREWORKS NIGHT-

Take me out to the ball game! Emilie UMC is joining with Emilie Christian Day School for a night at Trenton Thunder baseball. You are invited to join this fun summer fellowship opportunity. Contact the Church office to reserve your tickets & join the Emilie family at the game (tickets are \$8 per person).



#### BAPTISM SUNDAY

APRIL 7TH

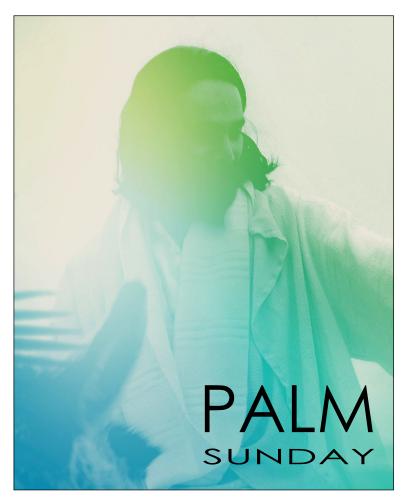
Sunday, April 7, 2024 we will celebrate the baptism of 2 children in the Bropleh family.

As part of the baptism, the congregation will have an opportunity to bring forward cards of celebration to welcome them into the church body at Emilie.

(more information will be available next week)

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