

SOCASTEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

10:00 am

Purple

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

INTROIT: *King of Kings*

INVOCATION:

Bill Singleton

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

John 12:12-13

*THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Leader: O, give thanks to the Lord our God, whose goodness and mercy never end.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: For Christ has opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter.

Leader: He has emptied himself for love of us.

People: Christ took human form, that we might know we are known.

Leader: Holy One, you are our God.

People: and we give thanks to you.

Leader: We give thanks to our God, who is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE/PALM PROCESSION: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH #278

*OPENING PRAYER

*RINGING OF THE TRINITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

LENTEN READING: *Diminishing Lights*

Katherine Mach

CALL TO PRAYER: *Falling on My Knees*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people. In every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness, even here, today. Forgive our failings, heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory to God, amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Near the Cross*

*DOXOLOGY: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Thy Word is a Lamp*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

Katrina Barton

ANTHEM: *King Triumphant*

Chancel Choir

SERMON: *"Asking the Right Question"*

Rev. Paula J. Stover

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

UMH #881

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

UMH #280

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: *Seven Fold Amen*

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE: *Ride On in Majesty*

**Congregation Stands—Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*

Serving Today

Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis

Organist: Marianne Eaton

Ushers: Dale Faulkner, Jimmy Redmon,
Don Jones, Susan Williamson



We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We love our new and returning guests and ask that you please put your name and contact information in one of our red pads found in the pews so we can welcome you and get to know you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 10:00 am	March 29 Palm Sunday/NS
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	March 30 Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	March 31 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	April 1 TLC Chapel/NS Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 6:00 pm	April 2 Thursday Bible Study/JW Maundy Thursday/Service of Tenebrae/NS
Friday:	April 3 Good Friday—No Events Scheduled
Saturday	April 4 No Events Scheduled
Sunday 6:30 am 10:00 am	April 5 (Resurrection Sunday) Sunrise Service/1875 Sanctuary Regular Worship and Communion/NS

Casserole Sale Today!

The Women of Hope invite you to stop by the Fellowship Hall after today's service and pick up a delicious homemade casserole—just \$10 each. With so many wonderful cooks in our church, you're sure to find something you'll love. Don't miss out!

Senior Singles

Senior Singles will meet at PF Changs in Market Commons on Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 pm. Please let Al Wood or Joanne Ryals know if you will be attending so they can make reservations.