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# PALM SUNDAY

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Castro Valley United Methodist Church  
19806 Wisteria Street  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

**Welcome to Castro Valley  
United Methodist Church.**

We are thankful you are here! We invite you to join us as we journey together through Holy Week towards the celebration of the meaning of Easter!



**TODAY**

**Dye Eggs After Worship**  
11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**GATHERINGS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday Friends**  
Tue. 10:30 am, Fireside Room

**UWIF & Faith Circle**  
Wed. 7:00 pm Fireside Room

**Maundy Thursday Passover Meal**  
**RSVP Required to Chef Chuck**  
Thur. 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Good Friday Worship  
And Stations of the Cross**  
Fri. 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

**UMM – Men’s Club Breakfast**  
Sat. 9:30 am, Fireside Room

**Cut Flowers for Easter**  
5:00 pm to dusk, bring cut flowers  
pails for collection at the courtyard  
walkway by the chapel

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunrise Service &  
Easter Breakfast**  
7:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**Building of the Floral Cross**  
8:00 am, Front Lawn

**Easter Worship**  
10:00 am, Sanctuary

**Egg Hunt & Coffee Fellowship**  
11:15 am, Front Lawn

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

(30) Nora Hvistendahl  
(03) Kathryn Pereur  
(03) Carla Gerlits

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Akesa Po’oi Fakava, Pastor  
Dr. Karl W. Lampley, Worship  
Leader  
Kathy Culwell, Co-Lay Leader  
Matt Bourne, Music Director  
Karen Loughrige, Bells & Clarinet  
Rev. Carrol Newquist, Horn  
Ted de Castro, Sound  
R. Tanaka/L. Taylor, Media Techs  
Jim Rees, Usher



**Order of Christian Worship  
Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Chiming of the Hour**

Karen Loughrige

**Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem**

**The People’s Response**

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

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

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**\*Processional Hymns:**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UMH 278

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

UMH 280 vv 1 & 3

Please use the red hymnal or follow along on the screen.

**\*Opening Prayer (unison)**

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, “Hosanna in the highest!” Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Kathy Culwell

Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn Response: *Hosanna Rock*

(singing) *Hosanna! Ho! Ho! Hosanna!*

*Everybody praise the Lord!*

*So clap your hands and wave your arms, you can play  
the drums, then rock the guitar.*

*Hosanna! Ho! Ho! Hosanna!*

**Children’s Moment**

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

Hymn Response: *Hosanna! Hosanna!*

TFWS 2109

(singing) *Hosanna! Hear the people say Hosanna!*

*Save us today. Hosanna! It’s a faithful song. Hosanna!*

*Sing it all night long!*

**NOTE:** Children will remain for the Easter Cantata Performance

**Life of the Community**

Kathy Culwell

**Prayers of the People**

Kathy Culwell

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, **we give you thanks.**

\*You may stand. \***Bold** text indicates congregational response.

## Proclamation of the Passion

Chancel Choir

### Gratitude for our Chancel Choir Members

Director, Matthew Bourne  
Kathy Culwell  
Ann Davis  
Valentina Dimmock  
Chéri Harris  
Alfred Harris  
Gloria Jancoski  
Karen Loughrige  
Rev. Carrol Newquist  
Karen Parker  
Leo Tuttle  
Bobbi Wheatley

### **Scripture:** *Acts 7:30-33 NSRVUE*

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

<sup>30</sup> “Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush. <sup>31</sup> When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he approached to look, there came the voice of the Lord: <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’ Moses began to tremble and did not dare to look. <sup>33</sup> Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.’

**Music:** “*Prelude*” by Joseph M. Martin

Matt Bourne

### **Scripture:** *Matthew 3:13-17 NSRVUE*

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased.”

**Music:** “*Songs From the River*” by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

### **Scripture:** *Luke 22:7-16 and 19-20 NSRVUE*

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup> They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?” <sup>10</sup> “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” <sup>13</sup> So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

**Music:** “*The Remembering*” by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

### **Scripture:** *Matthew 26:36-39 NSRVUE*

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.”

**Music:** “*The Midnight Garden*” by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir



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**Scripture:** *Matthew 27:33-37 NSRVUE*

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

<sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

**Music:** "A Green Hill Far Away" by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

**Scripture:** *Luke 24:1-6 NSRVUE*

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee."

**Music:** "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

**\*The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

Pastor Akesa

*The Doxology No. 94: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Unison Prayer of Dedication:*

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

UMH 277

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**\*Benediction**

Pastor Akesa

**Postlude**

Matthew Bourne

Please reflect in silence on today's message or exit quietly.

**2026 HOLY WEEK WITH  
CASTRO VALLEY  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**Palm Sunday**  
Grand Processional and  
Easter Cantata  
(Musical Performance)  
March 29 at 10:00 am  
In the Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 2 at 7:00 pm  
RSVP Required  
Thursday Passover Meal  
and Holy Communion  
In the Fellowship Hall

**Good Friday Worship  
and Stations of the Cross**  
April 3 at 7:00 pm  
In the Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday  
April 5**  
*Sunrise Service*  
at 7:30 am  
In the Fellowship Hall  
*Easter Breakfast*  
at 8:30 am  
RSVP Required  
In the Fellowship Hall  
*Worship Service and  
Holy Communion*  
at 10:00 am  
Sanctuary  
*Egg Hunt, Coffee  
& Fellowship*  
at 11:15 am  
At the Front Lawn