

NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Worship is a time to move close to God and receive spiritual energy for living courageously and serving others faithfully.

Prelude	The Royal Banners Forward Go	Held
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Choral Introit	“Entrance Into Jerusalem”	Cameron
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Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made, a day of celebration, of palms waving, and hosannas rising!

People: We join the crowd in joyful praise: “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Leader: We come with open hands and expectant hearts, ready to welcome the King of peace.

People: We lift our voices in unity and hope, knowing He brings life, not fear; love, not judgment.

Leader: Let us worship the One who rides in with gentleness and joy,
offering grace, peace, and a kingdom that has no end.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship Christ, our humble and victorious King!

*Hymn	“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”	UMH #278
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*Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, today we lift our voices with the crowd, shouting Hosanna, waving branches, and celebrating the arrival of our King. You come not with force, but with peace. Not to take power, but to

give love. And still, You are worthy of all our praise. As we remember Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem, open our hearts to receive You, not only with our words, but with our lives. Let this time of worship be more than tradition, let it be a welcome. A welcome into our hopes, our struggles, our questions, and our joy. Make us ready, O God, not just to shout Hosanna, but to follow You in grace and truth. In the name of Christ, our humble and victorious King, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Prayer for the Pastor Gerry Hixson, Lay Leader

First Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1–11 Pew Bible pg. 23

Choral Anthem	“Let the Rocks Cry Out!”	Larson
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*Second Gospel Reading Matthew 27:15–23 Pew Bible pg. 32

Sermon Series *Crossroads* Pastor Rodney Brailsford
“Crown Him or Crucify Him?”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father, 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

*Hymn “I Surrender All” (Verses 1, 3, & 5) UMH #354

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory	O Lord, I am Not Worthy	Cameron
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*Response

Doxology, UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5) UMH #280

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

The Rock of Salvation

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*Please Stand if able

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