



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Christ. Serving with Love.

Prelude	Glory Be to God	J.S. Bach
Choral Introit	“Entrance Into Jerusalem”	Cameron
Welcome and Announcements		
*Gathering Hymn	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”	UMH #280 (Verses 1, 2, & 5)
*Call to Worship		
Leader:	This is the day we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem, welcomed with praise and expectation.	
People:	We lift our voices with the crowd, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”	
Leader:	Yet even as we praise, we remember that the way of Christ is not always the way we expect.	
People:	He comes in humility, not power; in peace, not force; in love that calls us to follow.	
Leader:	So, we gather not only to celebrate, but to consider what it means to walk in His way.	
People:	With open hearts and willing spirits, we come to worship Christ, our King. Amen.	

*Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH #278

*Opening Prayer
Gracious God, we come before You with voices ready to praise, just as the crowds once welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. We sing our hosannas, we lift our prayers, and we remember the joy of that moment. Yet as we gather, remind us that faith is more than words. When praise fades and expectations are unmet, when the path becomes uncertain, teach us to remain rooted in Christ. Shape our hearts in this time of worship. Move us beyond surface praise into a deeper trust, a steadier faith, and a willingness to follow wherever You lead. Receive our worship today, not only what we say, but who we are becoming. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12 Pew Bible pg. 884

Choral Anthem “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

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

Message “When Praise Fades” Pastor Rodney Brailsford

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 “My Hope Is Built” UMH #368
(Verses 1, 2, & 3)

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Instrumental

*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

*Closing Hymn "I Surrender All" UMH #354
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Festival March G. F. Handel

*Please Stand if able



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