

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday, Year B  
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For the transformation of the world, we study God's Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus' Way.

Palms and instructions for folding them into a cross are provided for you to take home and enjoy and reflect upon this Holy Week. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

CENTERING WORDS Ride on, King Jesus. Ride with passion and compassion. Ride in triumph and joy. Ride in humility and gentleness. Ride with us as we travel the journey with you.

#### SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

##### † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

L: He comes with joy and hope.

**P: He comes to set us free from fear.**

L: Hosanna!

**P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.**

##### † OPENING PRAYER

**With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long, and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. AMEN.**

##### † OPENING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH #278

##### † BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

***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.***

##### JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

##### PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER (St. James Coburn)

##### HYMN OF PREPARATION Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH #277

##### SELECTED SCRIPTURE FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Mark 11:1-11 // Mark 15:1-47

MESSAGE The Power of Sacrifice: Joy before Sorrow

† CLOSING HYMN When I Survey the Wonderous Cross UMH #298

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

March 27 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn. Contact Paula Smith for more information.

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn. Come early, at 6pm, for a light supper! All are welcome.

March 31 - Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024 – Sunrise Service 7am at Trinity Woodward; 8:30am at St. James Coburn; 10am at Sprucetown UMC with a light breakfast served at 9am.

April 2 – Sprucetown Ad Board/Trustees meeting 7pm

April 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Bible study at Sprucetown 10am. All are welcome!

April 4 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. All ladies welcome.

April 14 – Potluck Lunch following Worship at Sprucetown. Last one till September!

April 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Bible Study at St. James UMC, Coburn 10am. All are welcome.

April 18 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. All ladies welcome.

April 21 – Gideon’s Guest Speaker Sunday, enjoy a special message from a Gideon representative.

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