



Hosanna!

*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

Edisto Island

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Milman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Hosanna to the King"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful come and worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may hail him as our Lord and follow him in the way of the cross. By your Spirit, lead us now into the mystery of your saving love. As we remember both the joy of his arrival and the sorrow of his suffering, prepare our hearts to walk with him through the passion, that we may rise with him in glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21: 1-11

***HYMN #280** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus Christ you came to rule in our lives, not as a king, but as a humble servant, riding on a donkey. Enter into our hearts this day with your glory, that we may greet you with shouts of praise; through Christ, our Sovereign and Savior.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

The Lord God helps us; therefore we have not been disgraced. We know that we shall not be put to shame; our redeemer is near! If it is the Lord God who helps us, who will declare us guilty? With confidence in God's redeeming love, let us confess our sins.

God of mercy. You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Let us confess our sins in silence.)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

ANTHEM “The Palms”

Faure

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

PSALTER #764

Psalms 31: 9-16

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 27: 11-54

SERMON “Whiplash Sunday”

***HYMN #292** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880 “The Nicene Creed”

***GLORIA PATRI #70**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #95**

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Gracious God, we lay these gifts before you as the crowd once laid palms before your Son. Receive our offerings as signs of praise, and use them to lift up the lowly, heal the broken, and proclaim your kingdom of mercy and truth. Through Christ, who gave himself for us, Amen.

***HYMN #298** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***SENDING FORTH**

Go forth in the name of Christ, who entered Jerusalem in humility and walked the road that leads to life.

We go in the strength of God, to follow Jesus on the way of the cross.

As the crowds once cried “Hosanna,” may praise rise from our lips and compassion flow from our lives.

We will bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

As we remember his suffering and death, may the love of Christ shape our steps and steady our hearts.

We will walk with him in faith, trusting the power of God to redeem and restore.

Go in peace, for the One who goes before you is the One who will raise you up.

Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Participating in Worship Today: Steve Strange and Alex Cone

LAST SUNDAY Attendance: 28 Offering: \$1,880.00

Bill Loy, Robyn Tindall, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Bob Spratlin, Evan McMillan, Donna Padgette, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer & Family, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Margaret Steele, Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren



Nancie's Clothes Closet
Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: Lenten Study Fellowship Hall 2:00pm
THURSDAY, APRIL 2: Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary 11:00am
SUNDAY, APRIL 5: Edisto Community Easter Sunrise Service
Beachfront at Coot's / Beach Access 1 6:30am
THURSDAY, APRIL 9: Women in Faith/Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting
Fellowship Hall 9:30 Social Time 10:00am Meeting
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15: United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall 8:30am

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Good Tide-ings

Edisto Island United Methodist Church

8193 Palmetto Road

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Nancie's Clothes Closet

10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm -5:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

5th Lenten Study

Fellowship Hall

2:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Service 11:00am

Sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Women in Faith/

Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting

Fellowship Hall

9:30 Social Time, 10:00 Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

United Methodist Men

Fellowship Hall

8:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Special Sunday Service

Charleston Wesley Foundation

10:00am

“Whiplash Sunday”

This Sunday we step into what many call “Whiplash Sunday”—the sudden turn from waving palms to witnessing the Passion. Matthew gives us both stories because together they reveal the kind of King Jesus truly is: the One who enters Jerusalem in humility and the One who gives himself in love upon the cross.

As we gather—whether in the sanctuary or on YouTube—we are reminded that Holy Week is the one week we cannot skip. Easter is not here quite yet. Before we can celebrate the empty tomb, we must walk with Jesus through the upper room, the garden, the trial, and the cross. It is not an unfortunate detour; it is the very road that leads to resurrection.

So come and join us for this powerful beginning to Holy Week. Bring your palms, your questions, your hopes, and your honest heart. Let the story carry you from “Hosanna!” to “Crucify him!”—and let Christ meet you in both.

The victory of Easter is coming.

But first, we walk with Jesus.

– Rev. Len Ripley

BLESSING BOX UPDATE

Our blessing box here at EIUMC is receiving a good amount of traffic. We are encouraging members of our church and community to help stock the blessing box for those in need.

Food may be dropped off in the sanctuary on Sunday or in the fellowship hall.

(Storage for excess food is currently in the pantry of the fellowship hall.)

Many thanks to all who are helping with this great mission!

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Methodist Church"*

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LIVE on YouTube.
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Methodist Church" for free.*

Suggested items

Greatest need: canned meats
(chicken, tuna, ham, etc.)
canned vegetables
peanut butter
jelly
oatmeal
rice
pasta
cereal
dishwashing liquid
hand soap
laundry detergent
infant formula
diapers
sugar
self-rising flour
mustard
ketchup
spaghetti sauce
soups
mashed potatoes
beef stew

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

14th Jane Loy
15th Sandra Polk
16th Cal Fosseen
20th Terry Dobson

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Steve & Connie Strange
17th Amanda & Carl Fosseen
20th Margaret Green &
Lorraine Bonura

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bill Loy
Robyn Tindall
Dylan Rearden
Lacey Reeves
Bob Spratlin
Jane Loy
Evan McMillan
Donna Padgett
Laura & Jim Emory
Ethelynn Boozer & Family
Nancy Culclasure
Lauren (Donna's niece)
Dale Steele
Margaret Steele
Thomas Tindall
Buff Yelton
Dawn & Berry Wren

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