

Faith Community United Methodist Church  
Eastern United Methodist Church  
**5315 Harford Road**  
**Baltimore, MD 21214**  
Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.  
Pastor T. Jay Blake

Sunday, March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday  
10:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

**WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

PRELUDE Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME Donna Dodson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us gather together for worship all who follow the ways of Christ!  
**Let us know the story of the Cross for we are not above our Master.**  
Jesus entered Jerusalem a hero, with palms and cheering crowds.  
**Yet others were already plotting to nail Jesus up on the Cross.**  
The palms were only fleeting but to save us Jesus willingly died.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**O God, when the noise and the celebration of Jesus’s final entrance into Jerusalem were over, You took rejection and turned it into Salvation. Lord, use our lives again today. In Christ we pray. Amen.**  
*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
**All: Glory to God! AMEN.**

**WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6 *[Red Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Palm 118: 1-2, 19-29

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11: 1-11

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

MUSIC OF PRAISE: “Holy Is He”- “Holy, Holy, Holy” *[UMH #64, vs1]* Faith Ensemble

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING Kate Ehrenberger

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2113 “Lamb of God” *[Black Hymnal]*

- Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

***Refrain:*** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called lamb of God. *Refrain*

SERMON

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HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Lead Me, Guide Me" Faith Ensemble [*refrain, FWS #2214, Black Hymnal*]

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord lead me.

### **We Celebrate Our Life in Christ**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

### **WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: FWS #2002 "I Will Call Upon the Lord" [*Black Hymnal*]

I will call upon the Lord, [echo] who is worthy to be praised. [echo]

So shall I be saved from my enemies. [echo] I will call upon the Lord. [echo]

*Refrain:* The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" [*Red Hymnal*]

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

\*CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2070 "He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him. He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name! He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished, and the music is finished.*

### **Scripture Lessons for April 1, 2018; Easter Sunday**

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- John 20:1-18

March 30, 12n – Good Friday, The Seven Last Words of Christ

April 1, 10:30 – Easter Sunday Service