

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Pre-Service Music** Softly and Tenderly arr. Joel Raney

**Call to Worship** adapted from Thom Shuman

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We have palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

**Hymn** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH #278

### Prayer of Confession

Let us confess together how challenging it can be to follow Jesus.

**Carrier of our hearts, God we struggle to fully follow Jesus. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We struggle to trust in your word and your transforming grace.**

**Forgive us, God, and shine your face upon us. Make us one with you, with Jesus, and with each other. Help us to have the same spirit as Christ, so we might truly go where you lead us, for the sake of your kingdom.**

**Words of Assurance** *silence for prayer*

It is God who helps us.

**It is God who saves us.**

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

**Music Ministry** Ride Through Jerusalem Michael Bedford

**Children's Time** Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

### SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Acolytes** - Xhiah Wolapaye

**Liturgists** - Sandra Richardson,  
Pearl Assan

**Reader** - Michael Cabus

**Musicians** - Children's Choir,  
Chancel Choir, Julia Hanna

**Ushers** - Ida Cahill, Bhanu Prakash,  
Bright Rajaratnam

### THANK YOU TO TODAY'S FLOWER DONOR



**Scripture Reading** John 12:12-15, John 17:13-26  
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**Hymn** They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love FWS #2223

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offertory** Healing at the Fountain Penny Rodriguez

**Hymn** Doxology UMH #95

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** We are One in Christ Jesus FWS #2229  
in English & Spanish

### Benediction

**Postlude** When I Survey the Wonderous Cross arr. Eleanor Whitsett

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those who are without homes. Prayers for those struggling with their physical and mental health.

Prayers especially for the Collins family on the death of Jenni's stepbrother Jay, as well as Pam Nugent.

Please guide us as we move through these four years - to keep our hearts open, to have faith in God and higher truth, to love.

Prayers for people in all places in war. Pray for their leaders to come to peaceful resolutions.

Prayers for the immigrants and refugees, and for all people fleeing danger in search of hope and a better life.

### HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonne.mac@verizon.net. Email Pastor Tayler Necochea at tayler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

WELCOME TO  
**Princeton  
United Methodist Church**

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engaged in enlivening spiritually thirsty people  
to joyfully respond to God's love  
and grow as disciples of Christ,  
so that together we may experience the fullness of life.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STONEBRIDGE COMMUNION

You are invited to the Stonebridge Methodists communion service today at 2 p.m. at Stonebridge, 100 Hollinshead Spring Rd, Skillman, NJ in the Club Room. Rev. Jenny Smith Walz will preside. All are welcome! Contact: postberg1@aol.com

### EASTER LILIES

Please consider donating to sponsor one of our Easter Lilies that will adorn our altar next week. Today is the deadline for orders, which can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to 7 Vandeventer Ave., Princeton NJ, 08542. To find more information please see the insert inside the bulletin. You will be able to take the lilies home after the second service next Sunday. For questions, call 609.924.2613.

### HOLY WEEK

Join us for Holy Week as we mark this important time on the Christian calendar with special services on Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm, Good Friday at 7:30pm, Holy Saturday at 10am, Easter Sunrise at 6am, and Easter at 10am. The Sanford Davis Room will be open from Monday-Friday for walking the prayer labyrinth and enjoying quiet prayer and contemplation. For more information on these events, visit our Lent page on the Princeton UMC website, or check out this week's Happenings!

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join the Leadership and Discipleship Boards for this important congregational update. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Childcare will be available.

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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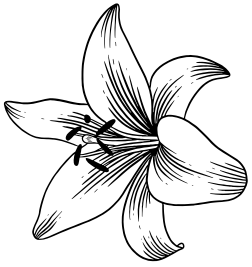
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**PALM SUNDAY**

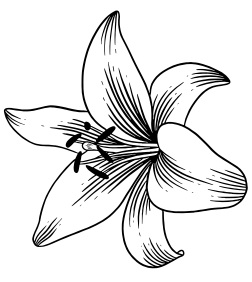


**Take Heart | by Abby Gillette**

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## Order Form

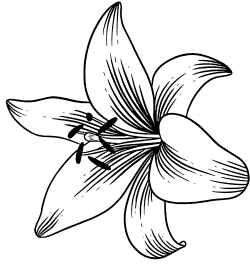
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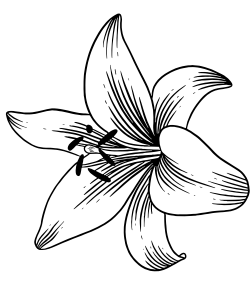
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