

✦ Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

✦ Benediction

✦ Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

*deceased members of all the Zion UMC Circles*

by The Circle of Faith in Service.

**Lectionary Readings for Sun., March 22, 2026**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Give to  
God  
through  
Zion UMC



Sound:	Craig Duerling	Accompanist:	Irene Howard
Greeter:	Elaine Horseman	Choir Director:	Karla Wilkins
Videographer:	Brandon Crawford	Scripture:	Ham Brake
Ushers:	Gene Williams & Tom Wilson	Pastor:	Jim Pugh

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sun., March 8, 2026  
In-person: 40 Online: 24

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Praise and Prayer Concerns may be emailed to [office@zionumccambridge.org](mailto:office@zionumccambridge.org).  
They will not be read during today's service, but added to next week's list.  
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# Palm-Passion Sunday

## March 29, 2026



**Zion** United  
Methodist  
Church  
In Cambridge, Maryland

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**✦Please stand in body or in spirit**

*We are pleased to welcome all who have come to worship  
with us this morning! Your presence is a blessing.*

PRELUDE: "The Palms" ..... Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**✦PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**.....Matthew 21:1-11

**✦Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

2 From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Almighty God,  
you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
to suffer death on the cross.  
Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and ever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "King Of Glory" ..... Choir

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES OF THE PEOPLE AND 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**RECEIVING OUR 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.***

**✦PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy and understanding what you say to us today. Amen**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY**

MEDITATION: *Jesus Is Betrayed* .....Matthew 26:14-29

SUNG RESPONSE: "Thank You, Lord"

Thank you, Lord, thank you Lord, thank you lord, I just want to Thank you, Lord.

MEDITATION: *Jesus Is Arrested*..... John 18: 1-14

SUNG RESPONSE: "Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus"

Tell me the stories of Jesus  
I love to hear;  
Things I would ask him to tell me  
If He were here:  
Scenes by the wayside,  
Tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus,  
Tell them to me.

MEDITATION: *Peter Denies Jesus* ..... John 18: 15-27

SUNG RESPONSE "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

MEDITATION: *Jesus Before Pilate* ..... John 18: 28-40

SUNG RESPONSE: "Are Ye Able"

"Are ye able," said the Master,  
"To be crucified with me?"  
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,  
"To the death we follow Thee."

Lord, we are able.  
Our spirits are Thine.

Remold them, make us,  
Like Thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance  
Above us shall be  
A beacon to God,  
To love, and loyalty.

MEDITATION: *Jesus Is Crucified* ..... John 19: 23-37

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Holy City" .....Irene Howard and Craig Duerling

**✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison): The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.