



March 24, 2024 • Palm Sunday

WELCOME! We're glad you joined us! Some things you might like to know:

This bulletin can be viewed online where all the gray, underlined sections of text are web links to contacts, event registrations, websites for our mission partners, and other useful information. View the online version at messiahchurch.org/bulletin.

Let us know you worshiped with us. If you joined us in person, you should have received a Connect Card from an usher. Online, click on "[Let Us Know You're Here](#)" at the bottom of your screen to register your attendance. You can also share a prayer request; our Prayer Team prays through these requests each week. Watching on demand? You can register your attendance, send a prayer request, and give online, just like on Sunday!

First time here? We'd like to thank you with a donation in your honor to one of our community partners. Select the organization of your choice by checking a box on your Connect Card, or during online attendance registration by clicking on "[Let Us Know You're Here](#)," and selecting a recipient from the list at the bottom of the form. You're making an impact in this community just by being here today!

Thank you for financially supporting Messiah Church! There are many ways to give: A secure offering box is available as you enter or leave the sanctuary; give online by clicking on "[Give](#)" at the bottom of your online worship experience; mail a check to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447; or give through our new Messiah Church app. Thank you!

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

(8:30 AM)

Prelude *Hosanna, Hosanna* (Martin)
* Hymn #280 (verses 1, 3) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
* Call to Worship
* Hymn #278 (verses 1, 3) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
* Congregational Prayer
Welcome / [Attendance](#) / [Offering](#)
Children's Prayer & Sunday School Release
Pastoral Prayer
Anthem *Glory to God, Hosanna in the Highest* (Barrett)
* Scripture: [Mark 11:1-11](#) Mike Felt
Message *The Passion of Christ*
Entry of the Cross
Prayer
Benediction
* Postlude *Offertory on Martyrdom* (Smith)

JOURNEY WORSHIP

(10:30 AM)

Gathering Music *Hero* (Fowler)
* Call to Worship
* Praise Song *Hosanna: Praise is Rising* (Baloche)
Welcome / [Attendance](#) / [Offering](#)
Children's Prayer & Sunday School Release
Prayer Song *By His Wounds* (Powell)
Prayer
Scripture: [Mark 11:1-11](#) Gerry Tucker
Message *The Passion of Christ*
Entry of the Cross
Prayer
Benediction
* Postlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (Trad.)

* Please stand as you are able

WHERE LIFE & PURPOSE CONNECT

GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 3/25	<u>Mark 11:15-19</u>
Tuesday 3/26	<u>Mark 11:12-14; 20-25</u>
Wednesday 3/27	<u>Mark 14:3-9</u>
Thursday 3/28	<u>Mark 14:66-72</u>
Friday 3/29	<u>Mark 15:33-41</u>
Saturday 3/30	<u>Mark 15:47-16:3</u>

Find the weekly GPS online at MessiahChurch.org or [here](#). To receive the daily GPS by email, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org.

PRAYER

Lift Up Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayers for Health and Healing for:


Donna B, Brenda B,
Johnna H, Muriel J,
Ralph V, Dennis L,
Ed P, Delphie E, Bill S

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

Grant C, Jin J, Matthew M,
Nicholas P, Tyler W,
Haden W, Elisabeth W

Altar flowers today are given by Bob Frazee in memory of Fran Frazee.

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we offer several Sunday morning classes: Children in **pre-K through 5th grade** gather for KID Street Sunday School at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Kids begin in worship, are released to Sunday School mid-service, and can be picked up downstairs after worship. **Youth in grades 6-8** will gather in the Youth Room for Sunday School during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services. Youth begin in worship and are dismissed with the kids mid-service. The nursery, for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**, is available at both services, and these children may be dropped off downstairs in KID Street HQ before worship begins. *All children and youth are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.*

Messiah Church has an APP! We are excited to share this discipleship tool with you, helping you connect with Messiah and one another. Download it today from your favorite app store,  from subsplash.com/messiahchurch/app, or get it here:

For those with t-coil equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants, an **induction hearing loop** is installed for use in our sanctuary.

COMING UP @ MESSIAH

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at www.MessiahChurch.org, "Messiah United Methodist Church" on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#) and the "Coming Up @ Messiah" weekly email. To receive our weekly emails, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org, and she will place you on the email list.

Following worship today, Sunday, March 24, we will be **putting the sanctuary back together** so it's ready for Good Friday and Easter Sunday! We need your help to move back the choir loft, many chairs, and drum risers. We'll begin moving furniture at the conclusion of the Journey worship service (at 11:45 am) and go until completed. Change into your grubby clothes and get in a workout. Many hands make for light work!

All Messiah women are invited to **Women's Night Out** tomorrow, Monday, March 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Robert's Craft Kitchen in the Medina Entertainment Center ([500 Hwy 55, Medina](#)). Come and enjoy a glass of wine or some food (whatever you wish to order) and good conversation with Messiah friends old and new. All are welcome — feel free to bring a friend or invite someone new!

Please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org by 5 pm today (Sunday, March 24) so enough tables can be reserved.

Join Messiah Church in person or online to celebrate **Holy Week & Easter Sunday** – the life, death & resurrection of Jesus:

• Good Friday Worship

Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm:
This *Service of the Nails* is a series of readings, responses, silent reflection, and prayer designed to help us enter deeply into the meaning of Good Friday and the good news of the cross. Our Chancel Choir, piano, and violin will offer the beautiful music. The service will be in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand.

• Easter Sunday Worship

Next Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 & 10:30 am: Celebrate at two services, when we rejoice that He is alive! Join us at 8:30 am for a traditional Easter service complete with bells and brass OR at 10:30 am for a contemporary Easter service with our worship band...both with special music and the Easter message *Making All Things New*. Worship with us in person, online live at

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MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand.

• **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, March 31 at 9:45 am:

All kids (through 5th grade) are invited to a KID Street Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between worship services. We'll gather in the atrium first (near the sanctuary doors), then the hunt begins at 9:45 am, followed by Easter crafts and activities in Heritage Hall. If you join us for worship too, all kids will receive an Easter gift! Everyone is welcome!

NOTE: On Easter Sunday, there is no KID Street or Youth Sunday School. Families are invited to worship together. The nursery, for children birth through age 3, will be available at both services (on the main level).

On Easter Sunday, March 31, the Chancel Choir will conclude the 8:30 service with Handel's **Hallelujah Chorus** - and you're invited to join them! You can make your way to the loft area near the end of worship, and together we'll join voices to sing this powerful piece in celebration of the risen Lord! If you'd like to have a practice run before the service, join the choir at their 7:50 am rehearsal in the sanctuary on Easter morning. All are welcome! Contact Andrew Beard, Chancel Choir Director, at AndrewFischerBeard@gmail.com with questions.

We'll be **assembling our Easter Garden** in the sanctuary at 9 am Saturday, March 30. If you are willing to add your artistic eye, join the team in arranging the delivered flowers! Email Joy Ann at jharmon@messiahchurch.org to let her know you're coming. If you donated flowers to the Easter Garden, feel free to take a plant

home after the 10:30 service on Easter.

All women are invited to join the next **Ladies Lunch Out** on Monday, April 1 from 11:30 am-1 pm for a meal, fellowship, and friendship - a great, casual opportunity to meet new people! This group meets on the first Monday of every month (except when the Monday falls on a holiday, then they meet on the first Tuesday) at Robert's Craft Kitchen in the Medina Entertainment Center ([500 Hwy 55, Medina](#)). New faces are always welcome! Please RSVP to Dana M at dymarshall985@gmail.com so a seat can be saved for you!

On Thursday, April 11 from 4:30-5:15 pm join in a **storytime** in our sanctuary with local children's author and illustrator David LaRochelle. Get ready for 45 minutes of reading fun, designed especially for preschoolers through elementary kids and their families. David has been creating books for young people for over thirty years; his many picture book titles include *The Best Pet of All*, *How Martha Saved Her Parents from Green Beans*, *See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog*, and *Moo!* All Messiah families are invited to this free event hosted by Bloom Early Learning & Child Care and sponsored by the Friends of Bloom Committee. For more information, contact Bloom at (763) 449-0600 or office@bloomearlylearning.org.

Join us June 10-14 for music, interactive stories, games, science and more at **Scuba Summer Vacation Bible Camp!** Kids preschool-5th grade will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. "Scuba" will immerse kids in five mornings (9 am-12 pm) of faith-building fun! Registration is now open! Please register by Monday,

May 20 to guarantee your child's t-shirt size and your family's music gift preference (digital download or music CD). Online registrations will be accepted through Monday, June 3 (as space permits), but we appreciate early registrations to help us plan. Visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2024 to register & for all the details. We are offering optional extended afternoon camp (for children already attending Scuba Summer Camp) Monday-Thursday until 4 pm. Kids eat lunch at camp then continue their camp adventures through art, service projects, and games. Sign up for the extended day as part of camp registration (optional afternoon care space is limited). (Please note: Afternoon extended camp is NOT offered on Friday, June 14.) If your child is staying for extended afternoon camp, late pick-up (as late as 4:30 pm) is also available. Please indicate if you need late pick-up when you register. Please note: All children must be picked up by 12 pm on Friday, June 14. Scuba Summer Camp is just \$40/child (\$80 family maximum). Optional extended afternoon camp is an additional \$50/child. Scholarships are available - we believe that no child should miss this! Summer Camp requires a lot of volunteer support! **Adults and youth finishing 6th grade and older are welcome to volunteer** for this high-energy week. Register today (at the same link above)! For more information or questions about this exciting week, visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2024 or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org.

Coping with the death of a loved one is one of life's most stressful and difficult experiences, but the **West Suburban Grief Coalition** provides a safe environment where people

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share feelings of grief and move forward. Messiah is a partner of the Grief Coalition and weekly meetings of this support group gather on Thursdays at various churches on a rotating basis. Through June 6, Grief Coalition meetings are at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church ([600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka](#)) from 4:30-6 pm. For more information on the Grief Coalition, visit [westsuburbangriefmn.org](#).


MAKE AN IMPACT

Messiah is a church of compassion and outreach. We serve through mission, locally and internationally. For a complete list of opportunities visit [www.MessiahChurch.org/community/make-an-impact](#).

Each year, Messiah Church selects two organizations to receive our special Easter Offering. Your 2024 Easter Offering is a gift to Bloom Early Learning & Child Care and Minnesota FoodShare: Bloom Early Learning & Child Care is a non-profit early learning center located here at Messiah Church, with a special mission to make the highest quality childcare, programs, and curriculum accessible to the entire community. Your Easter Offering supports the Shirley Robinson Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for children of low-income families, allowing parents to work while their children receive otherwise unaffordable quality care. For more information, visit [bloomearlylearning.org](#).

March is Minnesota FoodShare month, and our Easter Offering supports this drive with funds and food essentials. The Minnesota FoodShare campaign envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. It brings the community together to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Your offering and donations specifically support the local foodshelves at [Interfaith Outreach](#) and [ICA](#). You can offer support for these organizations through March with a monetary donation, or by donating food & other essential items. **Give:** Give [online](#) by selecting “Easter Offering,” or by mailing a check (indicate “Easter Offering” in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. Our goal is to collect \$12,000 for each of these organizations. Gifts are distributed evenly, unless designated otherwise. **Donate:** We are collecting specific items that are in high demand at the food shelves: cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, canned fruit, baby formula, and small packages of toilet paper and paper towels. Also, the KID Street kids are collecting boxes of cereal. Can you help them reach their goal of 150 boxes? All donations will be collected through Sunday, March 31 and can be dropped off in the marked area in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or

during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am–5 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm).

 New items in the bulletin this week.

Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to [office@messiahchurch.org](#).

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