



**Palm Sunday,
March 29, 2026**

Join us for worship on **Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m.**, or [click here](#) for the live-streamed services.

Message from Rev. Valerie

March 27, 2026

Dear friends:

Holy Week. It begins with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and moves, step by step, toward a love so utterly uncompromising - under pressure, under pain - that it cannot be contained, but rises and remains.

This is the week where the story deepens. Where we don't rush past the hard parts, but allow ourselves to stay close - to the longing, the courage, the grief, and the quiet, persistent hope that threads its way through it all.

It begins this Sunday, Palm Sunday, when our choir will offer the full cantata *Once Upon a Tree* by Pepper Choplin. If you are able, I encourage you to be with us in person. The beauty of the music is best heard in the room, and there is something especially meaningful about sharing the sound and spirit of worship together in the sanctuary.

From there, we will gather again on Good Friday and then on Easter morning, as the story unfolds in its fullness.

However you are able to enter the story this week - whether in person or online - you are warmly invited to join us as we walk it together.

In hope,
Valerie

In our Prayers:

As we hold these prayers, we also remember that we are not alone. We trust in the resilience that moves among us—expressed in kindness, in presence, and in the simple act of showing up for one another and holding one another in our hearts.

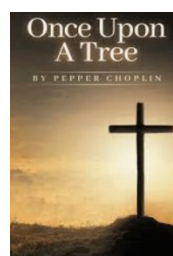
- **Marg Crabtree** remains in care at home, moving through the acute stages of her Leukemia with grace and gratitude.
- **Shellie Severson** is home recovering from breast cancer surgery on Thursday. We hold Shellie and Ben and their three little ones and their families in our hearts as they move through the healing journey.
- **Georgianna McDavid** is undergoing knee surgery this morning. Please keep Georgianna in your hearts as she heads into recovery & rehab.
- Our **RUC Board** will be gathering tomorrow for a retreat, led by Jordan Cantwell, Growth Animator for the Northern Spirit Region of the United Church. The Board will be discerning priorities for how best to use this season of abundance in the church to reach out to our community and maximize our ministry impact. How do we let people know we have a feast of welcome and life in a world of spiritual famine? Please keep your Board in your hearts tomorrow.

Upcoming Events:

March 29 - Palm Sunday Choir Cantata at 10:30 a.m.

April 3 - Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m.

April 5 - Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for this week's [Order of Service](#)
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