

May God be with you: **and also with you.**  
Announcements (10:45 am)

Praise Band  
Passing of the Peace (MFUC)  
*All are invited to pass the peace from their spot,  
offering a sign of peace to your neighbours*  
Lighting of the Christ Candle (11:00)

\* Introit: (VU 108, v1)  
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

**Storyteller:** Entry into Jerusalem  
Processional Hymn & Palm Parade: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (VU 127)  
**Storyteller:** Entry into Jerusalem

Call to Worship:  
Let us laugh and sing and shout for joy!  
**LET US WAVE PALM BRANCHES IN A PSALM OF EXULTATION!**  
Do we dare remain silent?

**IF OUR VOICES WERE STILLED, THE VERY STONES WOULD START TO SING!**  
So let us laugh and sing and shout for joy,  
and may our song of hope be heard among the nations!

Ministry of Music/Choir

**Storyteller:** Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Prayer of Confession (unison):  
**Gracious God, we are in awe of Jesus' courage and his commitment to your way of life. We hear his words, we witness his actions, and we tremble for ourselves, knowing we have let you down, knowing we have made light of all that your son has sacrificed for our sakes. As we hear this story once again, let it not paralyze us with shame, but instead let it invigorate us with renewed wonder and the bold conviction to make our lives meaningful and within them, to make Jesus' passion matter. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Words of Assurance:  
In Jesus' death we are claimed for life.  
Let us go into these dark days of suffering  
with a faith that cannot be extinguished,  
and a sure and certain hope that we are loved and forgiven  
and called to begin again.

**We are a forgiven people  
through Jesus' our crucified Christ, Thanks be to God.**

**Storyteller:** Prepare the Passover  
**Storyteller:** The Last Supper  
**Storyteller:** Warning of Things to Come

### **We Listen for God's Word**

\* Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus (VU 135)

**Storyteller:** Praying in the Garden  
**Storyteller:** Arrest  
**Storyteller:** Peter's Denial  
**Storyteller:** Trial  
**Storyteller:** Crucifixion  
**Storyteller:** Jesus' Death

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**Storyteller:** Burial

\* Hymn: Were You There (VU 144)

*You are invited to tie a final ribbon on the Lenten Prayer Tree*

Prayer

\* Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (VU 149)

**Storyteller:** Looking to Resurrection

Silence

***Please depart in Silence. You may make your Offering by placing your envelopes or other gifts on the Offering plates in the Narthex as you exit the Sanctuary, respecting the silence for those who may want to linger.***

**April 13, 2025**

From the excitement of Palm Sunday, to the sharing of the Last Supper, we begin the hard Holy Week journey through Good Friday to Easter Sunday. And on that journey we encounter humble, ordinary, everyday things like palm branches, a colt, a room, a table, bread, wine, a kiss... all echoing through time, punctuated by the blows of a hammer on rough wood.

This is a story of strong feelings, of a great joy, deep despair, loneliness, but still hope, always hope. As our storytellers share the events of these last days, feel the abandonment of Jesus as he was left more alone the closer he drew to his death. As our storytellers leave and rejoin the congregation, feel the solid smoothness of the stone you have been given to hold and may we all experience the hopefulness in gathering together and knowing that the Word could not be silenced, for if it were even the very stones would cry out.

*This service is adapted from a drama by Gerry Adam, Seasons of the Spirit L/E/P 2004.*



**The United Church of Canada  
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge  
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest – 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Lori Campbell**