

# Napa Methodist Church

## March 24, 2024



## Palm Sunday

### Gifts of the Dark Wood

The United Methodist Church:  
Following Jesus, Thriving in Community,  
Healing the World



**Wherever you are on your journey of faith  
you're welcome here.**

**\*Processional**

*Prepare Ye*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Worship Leader Ken Ehrman

Musicians: God's House Band

- \* Please sign and pass the registration books.
- \* Prayer cards in the pews are to share joys and concerns and go in the basket on the Communion rail. Prayers can also be emailed to [office@napamethodist.org](mailto:office@napamethodist.org) to be shared with the Prayer Group.
- \* Copies of our weekly online newsletter, The Grapevine, are available in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Please see the insert in the worship program for opportunities to observe Holy Week, including van rides to evening events.
- \* On the other side of the insert is an order form for Easter Sunday flowers. Insert and payment can be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office by Wednesday this week.
- \* Today after worship, the Transformation Team, Burbank Housing, and Napa Valley Community Housing, are hosting an Open House for us to see design updates.
- \* Sierra Service Project is hosting a fundraising barbeque and concert with God's House Band on April 6 at 5pm.
- \* United Women in Faith invites you to a fundraising tea for Gum Moon Women's Residence & Asian Women's Resource Center on April 13 at 1pm. Tickets can be purchased today or at the church office.

UMH The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS The Faith We Sing Songbook  
HM Himnario Metodista (Spanish hymnal)

**\*Opening Hymn**                      *Hosanna! Hosanna!*

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**                      William Somerville

**Call to Worship**

As our exploration of the Gifts of the Dark Wood begins to come to a close, we look around us to acknowledge the kin-dom – the family – that has always and is already right here with us. Sojourners in the Dark Wood do not go it alone but are blessed with the presence of others who help us see, reflect with us and discover together with us the riches of a life lived with intention. As Jesus comes into Jerusalem at the beginning of that fateful week, He is surrounded by those who will live the uncertainty, temptation and emptiness right alongside Him.

**Time for Children**                      Pastor Marylee

**Confession, Assurance, and Peace**

Leader: For hesitating to join the parade of life with our whole selves,

**Everyone: Forgive and restore us, O God.**

Leader: For letting fear keep us from walking alongside our neighbors,

**Everyone: Forgive and restore us, O God.**

Leader: For shying away from struggle even when we know what is right,

**Everyone: Forgive and restore us, O God.**

*Moment of Silence*

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: God continues to invite us to this parade... it is never too late. God asks us to be companions - and we can - it is never too late. God is with you, forgiving and restoring you to wholeheartedness.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Leader: Let us pass the unsurpassing peace of Christ with each other!

**\*Worship Song**                      *Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven*

**Scripture**                      Luke 19: 29-42a

**\*Sung Response***Carrying the Lord to Jerusalem***Contemporary Reading**

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was a German polymath and writer who is widely regarded as the greatest and most influential writer in the German language. His work has had a profound and wide-ranging influence on Western literary, political, and philosophical thought from the late 18th century to the present day. He wrote, "The world is so empty if one thinks only of mountains, rivers and cities; but to know someone who thinks and feels with us, and who, though distant, is close to us in spirit, this makes the earth for us an inhabited garden."

**Sermon***The Gift of Misfits*

Pastor Marylee

**Prayer Song***Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley***Time of Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Ground of all being,****Mother of life, Father of the universe,****Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.****May we know Your presence,****May Your longings be our longings in heart and in action.****May there be food for the human family today  
and for the whole earth community.****Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.****Do not forsake us in our time of conflict  
but lead us into new beginnings.****For the light of life, the vitality of life,  
and the glory of life are Yours now and forever.****Amen.****Invitation to Give Our Gifts**

*There are many ways to support the mission and ministries of Napa Methodist Church including checks, cash, online, or this QR code.*

**Offertory***Forgiveness*

**\*Doxology** *God Is Here Today (Dios Esta Aqui)* TFWS #2049  
*Sing in both English and Spanish*  
**Prayer of Dedication** Michael Herzog

**Closing Hymn** *In the Garden*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *He Said to Me*



### **Calendar of Events 3/24/2024 through 3/31/2024**

**Today 3/24 Holy Week Begins**  
***Palm Sunday Intergenerational Worship 9:30am***  
[Open House 10:30am Fellowship Hall](#)  
[New Member Class: 11:30am Asbury Room](#)  
[Contact: Pastor Marylee](#)

### **Monday 3/25**

Walking Talking Methodists 8am  
Contact: Pat Hitchcock at [pat.hitchcock@outlook.net](mailto:pat.hitchcock@outlook.net)  
[Worship Team 11am Zoom](#)  
Contact: Pat Hitchcock at [pat.hitchcock@outlook.net](mailto:pat.hitchcock@outlook.net)  
Prayer and Book Study 1:15-3pm S4K Room  
Contact: Aletha Silcox at [napakins1@aol.com](mailto:napakins1@aol.com)  
Silent Meditation 5:30-5:55pm Sanctuary  
Contact: [PeterAlbertScaturro@gmail.com](mailto:PeterAlbertScaturro@gmail.com)  
[No March Church Council meeting](#)  
Bonner Bell Rehearsal 7:15pm Ruth Room  
Contact: Bill Hanna at [bhanna45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhanna45@sbcglobal.net)

**Tuesday 3/26**

Chix with Stix 10am Parlor

Contact: Sandy Cleveland at [sacnurse2@att.net](mailto:sacnurse2@att.net)

Thrift Shop Open 10am-2pm Adams Hall

Contact: [office@napamethodist.org](mailto:office@napamethodist.org)

**Wednesday 3/27**

Book and Conversation Group 8:30 Zoom

Contact: Michael Herzog at [mshwrite@aol.com](mailto:mshwrite@aol.com)

Taizé Contemplative Worship 6pm St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
(*Van rides are available by calling the church office*)

[Unmute Yourself Book Group 7pm Zoom](#)

Contact: Leah Danao at [ladanao62@gmail.com](mailto:ladanao62@gmail.com)

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Room

Contact: Jan Lanterman at [janlanterman@gmail.com](mailto:janlanterman@gmail.com)

**Thursday 3/28 Holy Thursday**

Watercolor Group 10am Asbury

Contact: Carolyn Stewart at [napastewart@gmail.com](mailto:napastewart@gmail.com)

Art Group 1pm Kagawa

Contact: [office@napamethodist.org](mailto:office@napamethodist.org)

**Friday 3/29 Good Friday**

Please note: the church office is closed on Fridays

Bicycling Group 9:30am Vine Trail at Salvador

Contact: John Young at [bike4thehealthofit@gmail.com](mailto:bike4thehealthofit@gmail.com)

Walk the Stations of the Cross 6pm St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
(*Van rides are available by calling the church office*)

**Saturday 3/30 Holy Saturday**

Compassion Lunch Project 9:30am Fellowship Hall

Contact: Liz Marks at [lizmarks\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:lizmarks_99@yahoo.com)

*All ages welcome to come and make bag lunches for South Napa Shelter.*

**[Next Sunday 3/31 Easter Sunday](#)**

[Sunrise Worship at Tulocay Cemetery 6:30am](#)

[Intergenerational Worship 9:30am Sanctuary](#)

**[Easter Monday 4/1](#)**

[Church Office is Closed](#)

