

**The Falls Village Congregational Church**  
**March 29, 2026, 10 a.m.**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude – Hornpipe - G. F. Handel, arr. J. Carter**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE**

**Call to Worship (Ps. 118):**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: *Open the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.***

One: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**All: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!***

One: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**All: *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!***

**Opening Prayer (Unison):**

*God of enduring and steadfast love, we gather to give you thanks and praise. As we walk with you toward the shadows that loom so heavy, we pray for the freedom from our patterns of security, and for the courage to follow you into the dangerous places we fear to go. Cross us by the cross, that we may be Easter marked. Amen.*

**\*Opening Hymn: #192 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

**Prayer of Confession:**

*Lord, as we watch Jesus enter Jerusalem, we make sweet hosannas ring. Yet, when you invite us to follow, we remain distant observers. When you ask for our vigilance, we fall asleep. When you remain faithful, we betray your love. When you move closer, we deny that we*

*even know you. Beneath the cross of Jesus, expose our humanity to be who and what we are so that we might face this death as the only road to life. Amen.*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(repeat as guided)*

*By God’s grace, you are created again.*

*In Christ, you are accepted, no matter what.*

*Through the Holy Spirit, you are freed to truly live.*

*Be at peace and know you are forgiven.*

**\*Gloria Patri**

#35 in hymnal

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

*World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ:**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: *And also with you.***

One: Let us extend that same peace to one another.

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture:** Zechariah 9: 9-17  
Matthew 21:1-11

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**Sermon:** “Going to Jerusalem”

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**Offertory**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE**

**\*Closing Hymn:** #191 *“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response – *God Be with You till We Meet Again***

(Forming a circle around the sanctuary, please sing:)

*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsel guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.*

*Till we meet, till we meet again, God be with you till we meet again.*

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\*For those willing and able, please stand.

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

## *Scripture Lessons for March 29, 2026*

### *Zechariah 9:9-17*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. <sup>13</sup> For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall consume and conquer the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

<sup>16</sup> On that day the LORD their God will save them. for they are the flock of his people. for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

### *Matthew 21:1-11*

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."