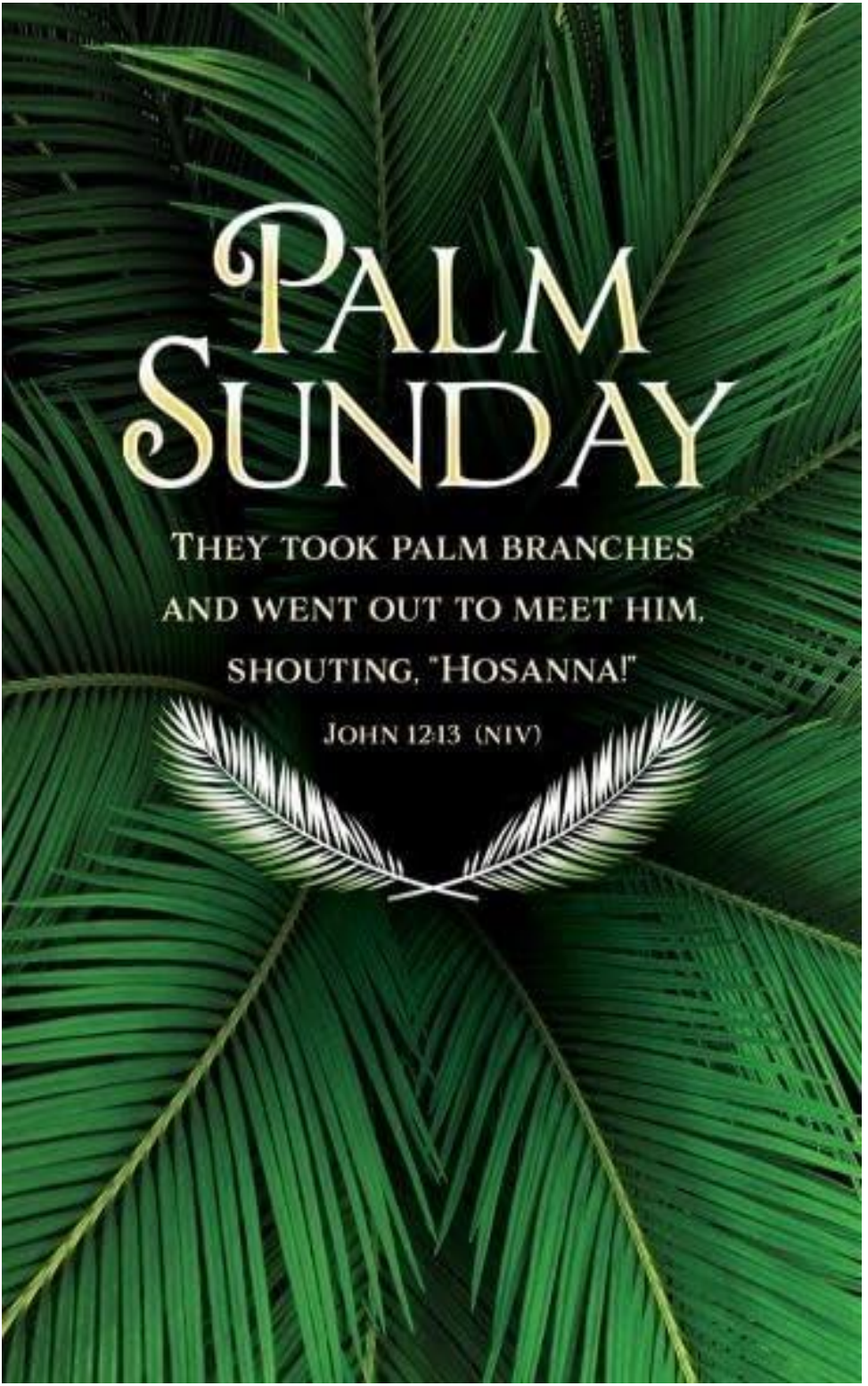
PALM SUNDAY
THEY TOOK PALM BRANCHES AND WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, SHOUTING, "HOSANNA!"
JOHN 12:13 (NIV)

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Prelude: *March on a Theme by Handel "Lift Up Your Heads" Op. 15*
A. Guilmant

Hymn: ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (#147)***

Children's Sermon: *On the Wings of the Dawn*

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Journey to the Cross

Hosanna!; Build Your Kingdom Here
Offering will be received during the first song.

Confession & Time of Prayer

Please save. This is the meaning of Hosanna. Please save us, King Jesus, from our sin. We confess that so often we live by the priorities of this world, pursuing the fleeting distractions of wealth and lust and gluttony, of image and success and recognition, of control and winning and revenge. Please save us! Put to death in us the desire for such shallow things. Overcome our apathy toward eternal things, and grant that our lives be marked more and more by a passionate allegiance to you, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, who loves to pardon and promises to forgive. Hosanna! Amen.

Hymn: ***All Glory, Laud and Honor (#146)***

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:35-43

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *When We Struggle With Death*

Hymn: ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee (#268)***

Benediction

Postlude: *Fugue in C Major, BWV 545* J.S. Bach

Acolyte: Willow Knapp **Reader**: Dave Brubaker

Musicians:
Mike Cox, Grace Dietrick (vocals), Christopher Moeller (guitar), Simon Sardina (cajòn), Jill Jordan (violin), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to think more fully about the cross. Because we are tempted to move away from the cross, may our worship today help us to see the cross in all of its fullness so that we might see ourselves in its light. And in this revelation, surrender ourselves to Christ who dies for the whole world.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is Easter Sunday. This is a glorious day of celebration. See the schedule below.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 28 (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross (Community Room)
Come and go, interactive event moves through the various moments from Jesus praying in the Garden to his burial in the tomb. All ages are welcome.

3:00 p.m. Organ Meditation

Sunday, March 31 (Easter)

7:45 a.m. Easter Baptism Service
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church welcomes your **EASTER LILIES** for Easter Sunday, March 31st. We have purchased several lilies which you may purchase for $16.00 each or you may bring your own lily to drop off at the church office by Good Friday, March 29th. If you would like to purchase one or more liles, you may use the online giving option, mail a check to the church office (indicate Easter lilies), or drop off payment at the church office. If you wish to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email (pattystalker@hwchurhc.org) or call Patty (567-2264) with your information by Monday, March 25th. Thank you.

HWC KIDS

- **Kids Connect:** This week, kids see how Jesus treated two criminals with love even as he died on the cross. BIG IDEA: God hears our cries. BIBLE: Luke 23:32–49; Psalm 31:9–16
- **March Memory Verse:** "The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?" — Psalm 27:1a
- **Did you know** that Emily Spateholts will be on Family Leave through the end of May. She and Michael, as well as Sarah and Sammy, brought home newborn Piper Joy continuing the process of adoption. Thank you for your prayers and support for Emily and her family and for all who are filling in during her absence.

STEWARDSHIP
Budget Needed: $718,844.33 / **Budget Received:** $689,932.56

MISSION MOMENT – John and Sylvia Christensen are on location in Indonesia in the midst of a month of OT Bible translation (Ruth, Exodus, Esther, Joshua – John; and Ezekiel – Sylvia) with their national teams. Pray for improved software for clear communications as they stay involved from Stateside. A key national pastoral leader is needed to strengthen the local team. Thank God for good health and much progress.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Religious restrictions around the globe have reached an all-time high according to the 14th Annual Pew Research Center analysis of 198 nations, with Christianity facing the most persecution. Only eight nations had no reports of religious harassment. We remember to pray, for these are not statistics; these are people walking in Jesus' footsteps -- our brothers and sisters in Christ. (*CT Daily Briefing*)

Prayer Concerns: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jane Roeske, Jack and Linda Leax, Jim Arthur, Beth Pocock, Kyle Boon, Linda Roth, Paul Roth, James Bates, Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Grace Taylor, Karen Gaerte, Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters including the recent storms; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine and in Israel, Gaza and the entire Middle East; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police for more than two years; for Angelica Baptist Church (Pastor Bret Longwell).