Sunday, March 29, 2026

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

The Messiah Has Come!
Artwork by Sue Carroll

El Shaddai – UMH 123

El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonia,
Age to age you're still the same,
By the power of the name.
El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonia,
We will praise and lift you high, El shaddai.

Through your love and through the ram,
You saved the son of Abraham;
Through the power of your hand,
Turned the sea into dry land.
To the outcast on her knees,
You were the God who really sees,
And by your might,
You set your children free.

Through the years you've made it clear,
That the time of Christ was near,
Though the people couldn't see
What Messiah ought to be.
Though your word contained the plan,
They just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done
Through the frailty of your son.

Opening Prayer

Lord of Creation,

Joy and anticipation fills our hearts as we relive the excitement of Your son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On that day, all creation was on pins and needles waiting to see what might happen next. As we begin this holy time leading up to Easter, we pray that you may fill us with the same excitement that was in the hearts of those in the crowd as they anticipated the wondrous things that their long-awaited messiah might bring. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118: (selected verses)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

In my anguish I cried to the LORD,

and he answered by setting me free.

The LORD is with me. I will not be afraid.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Luke 19: 37-40

When Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,
"*Teacher, rebuke your disciples*!"

"I tell you," he replied,

"**if they keep quiet, the very stones will cry out.**"

If they keep quiet,
the very stones will cry out.”
Luke 19: 40

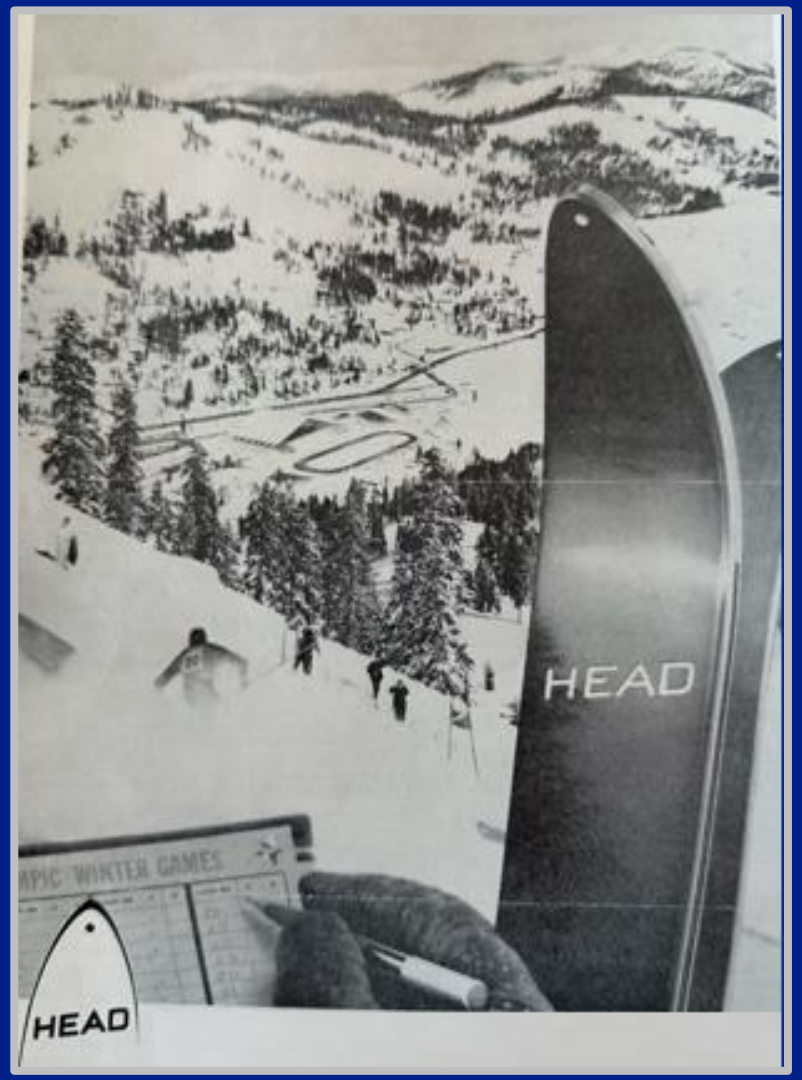
Who knows that feeling of wanting to say something so badly that it burns the tip of your tongue and itches to come out?

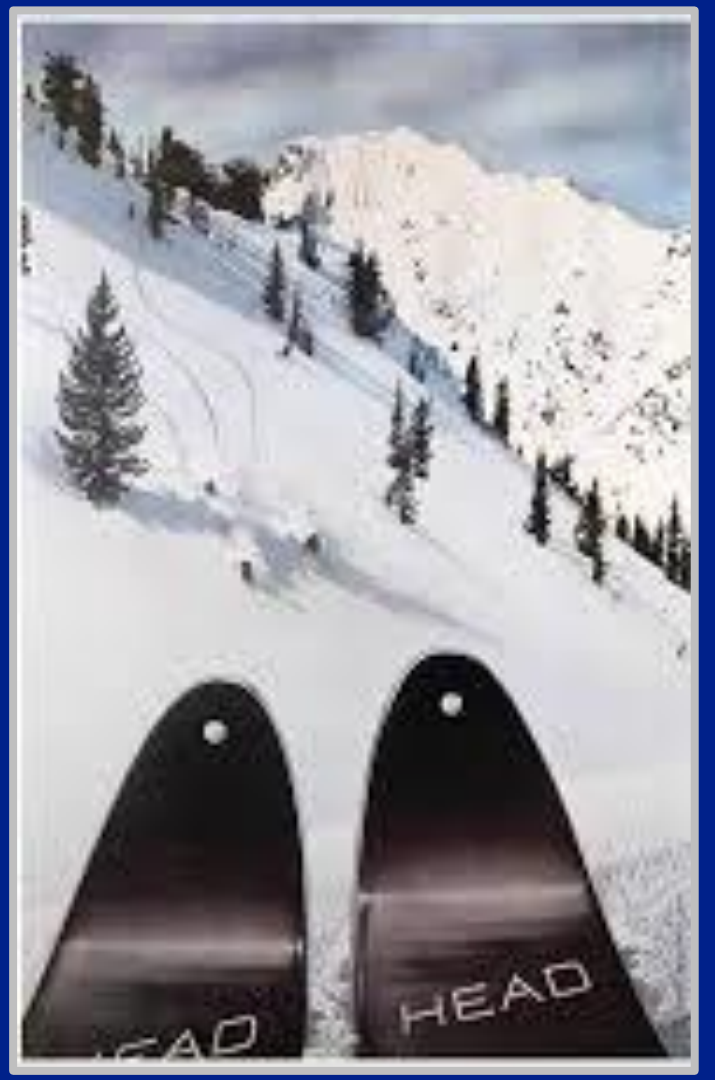
You feel that if it doesn't...

you're going to burst!

Wooden Skis and Poles Circa 1965 - 1970

“Skier of the Decade: Jean-Claude Killy, 1960s”





HEAD™ Skis! These were a serious *"WOW!"*

I spent the next weeks with by tongue clenched between my teeth!

…the very stones will cry out!
Luke 19: 40

Mantos y Palmas - UMH 279

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see,
Riding on a donkey comes the Son of God.

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
We sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,
To the living Savior who still calls today,
Asking us to follow him in love and faith.

From every corner a thousand voices sing
Praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation
loud triumphant song breaks forth:

Hosanna, hosanna to the King!
Hosanna, hosanna to the King.

Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, when You came to earth, God's people, who had waited so long for the Messiah, were filled with joy and excitement as You entered Jerusalem. They knew about God's plans and who You were, and welcomed You with cloaks and palm branches thrown down before You as you rode in on a donkey. Joyfully praising God, they cried "Hosanna, Hosanna," meaning " *Please save us, deliver us!*"

But there was great opposition from religious leaders who felt threatened by this reaction of so many people towards You. Some of them told You to order your disciples to stop. You declared that even if they were silent, the very stones would cry out.

It was very clear that the people had it completely right and the Pharisees were wrong. Help us to keep our own focus where it belongs as we move into Easter Week, on celebrating Your life, death and resurrection, to bring eternal life!

AMEN

Offering and Doxology
UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Photo by James Gardner

Benediction