



Palm
SUNDAY



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The King Rides In

Lani Smith

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Anne Siddall (based on Psalm 118)

One: Though we have known hardship and pain, though life has not always turned out as we had hoped, we will stand here and say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures for ever!

One: Though life becomes more complex, the deepest questions remain unanswered, and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures for ever!

One: And though the pain of the world often seems more than we can bear or address, we will stand firm in our faith and say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures for ever!

* Opening Prayer

Hosanna, King,

Blessed are you, our king, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

* Hymn

Hosanna, loud hosanna

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I Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

- 2 From Olivet they followed
‘mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heav'n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Mindi (Rev-o-lution)

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save Us!" to "Crucify Him."

We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities.

We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore.

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary.

Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

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- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

* Benediction

* Postlude

Were You There?

Robert Hughes

** Please stand as able and led*



Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader.....	Judith Whitten
Children's Time.....	Terrie Glass
Song Leader.....	Bob Gangwer
Special Music.....	Handbell Choir
Flautist.....	Sarah Beers
Organist/Pianist.....	Bob Phillips
Dir. of Technology & Media.....	Kevin Beers



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