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## Welcome to Worship

We celebrate Palm Sunday today. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and witness the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus is welcomed as though he were conquering royalty. We then share in the suffering of the Passion, with the "pretend" trial, then the torment and death of Jesus.

# Palms and Passion April 5, 2020

### Prepare your Heart

"Today, many years ago, Jesus rode a donkey, not a horse. Peace is still the way Jesus travels."

Unknown

### Order of Worship

**Bold type** denotes congregation speaking aloud.

Welcoming Music Child of God by Mark Miller

Welcome Rev. Sharon Langfeldt

Call to Worship Kat Harrell

Jesus is coming! From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick.

Jesus is coming!

Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers, Jesus comes to Jerusalem and we come to worship! Let us greet him with Hosannas!

Hosanna! Jesus is coming!

Palm Processional Hosanna Loud Hosanna UMH 278

Unison Prayer

We have come to meet you today, Jesus. We don't know quite what to expect, but we come humbly, laying our coats before you. Reveal to us who you are, how you can be a Savior in our lives, a Savior in our world today. Come, Jesus, Come! Hosanna! Amen.

Staying Connected

Time of Prayer

Prayer of Unity "Wage Peace" by Richard Holdsworth

Elizabeth Blackmun

Time of Reflection Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Please begin the Lord's Prayer using whichever metaphor for God works for your theology. In this community, you will hear the traditional "Our Father" but, we also recognize the ways patriarchy is at play so many lead with "Our Creator."

Our Creator, 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

As they approached Jerusalem, entering Beth-Phage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two disciples with the instructions, "Go into the village straight ahead of you, and immediately you will find a tethered donkey with her colt standing beside her. Untie them and lead them back to me. If anyone questions you, say, 'The Rabbi needs them.' Then they will let them go at once." This came about to fulfill what was said through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Your Sovereign comes to you without display, riding on a donkey, on a colt—the foal of a beast of burden.'"

So the disciples went off and did what Jesus had ordered. They brought the donkey and her colt, and after they laid their cloaks on the animals, Jesus mounted and rode toward the city. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while some began to cut branches from the trees and lay them along the path. The crowds—those who went in front of Jesus and those who followed—were all shouting, "Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Most High!

Hosanna in the highest!" As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, "Who is this?" And the crowd kept answering, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!"

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#### Thanks be to God.

Message "Palms, Prophets and Praise" Rev. Sharon Langfeldt
Song of Response Glory in the Cross by Scott Soper
Holy Communion A Meal for Comfort, A Feast for Love
Taste and See TFWS 2267 vs 1, 3

Hymn for Palm Sunday O Sacred Head, Now Wounded UMH 266 vs 1-3

Offering Here I Am, Lord UMH 593 vs. 1, 2

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Announcements and Blessing

Sending Song God Be with You till We Meet Again UMH 672 vs. 1

Postlude Were You There UMH 288