



April 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.
Bind the festival procession with branches.
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HYMN "The Palms"

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festive preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

Join now and sing, His name divine,
Let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more their freedom gain from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light. (Refrain)

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings forth the hope to Thee forevermore. (Refrain)

GATHERING PRAYER

Blessed One, our Lord and Savior, we are humbled by your example. You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power to command. Son of David, come to us now and be our King, that we too may sing our hosannas! Amen.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

REFLECTION MUSIC "There Is A Balm In Gilead" - H. T. Burleigh
Bill Stine – Baritone; Shirley Klein – Organ

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell of the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

To heal the sin-sick soul.

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON*

"On the Way..."

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.
To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Is He Who Cometh"

- Couperin

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

GO FORTH IN LOVE

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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

From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and angels
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him

With heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence
Eternally rejoice. Amen.

BENEDICTION*

WE HOLD EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

"Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer"

- Livingston

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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*** A transcript of the sermon and the prayer will be made available for those members without internet access and who are unable to listen to the service. If you know of someone who would like to receive a copy of the bulletin and these transcripts, please message the church Facebook page or contact the church office at (573) 635-1041.**

Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.

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