

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.



The One Who Gives

March 28, 2021

Musical
“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Gift
arr. Dick Torrans

Welcome and Announcements

A Call to Worship for Palm/Passion Sunday

Leader: Let us worship the Lord—not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

People: We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

People: Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use. We are Christ’s servants and may we be of the same mind.

All: We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Praise be unto God!

Alexis Carter, Lenten Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosu, 2020.

Discussion Questions

- Easter Sunday Scripture, Mark 16:1-8

Mark’s account of the events of Easter Sunday are uniquely sparse in detail. We’ve been talking about Mark as the action-packed gospel, with Jesus and the disciples constantly on the move from place to place. Read this week’s scripture and take time to ponder missing details. What do you think happens next to the disciples? How would you have responded if you were the one checking the tomb to see if it was truly empty?

(Main point of sermon will be about how we are left to finish the story—or to take up our part in it.)

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



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Hymn #278 “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 heaven 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!

Prayers of the People

**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 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 for ever. Amen.**

Special Music “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

arr. Mauldin

Sending Litany For Palm Sunday

This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—
Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession,
a community celebrating together.

**The same vision is offered to us today:
We can welcome Christ into our lives;
We can celebrate his transforming power.**

How swiftly things changed back then,
How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

**May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—
Peace from the practice of justice,
equality from the practice of respect.**
As this week unfolds,

We will let ourselves be overtaken by God’s love
We will pour it back out into the world.

Written by Jeanyne Slettom, and posted on Process and Faith. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/palm-sunday-sending-out.html>

Both were retrieved from umdiscipleship.org/

Specifically from <https://www.umdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/rend-your-hearts-claiming-the-promise/palm-passion-sunday-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/palm-passion-sunday-year-b-liturgical-resources>

Musical Gift “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr. Wyrzten

Organist: Brenda Berryman

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” - arr. Dick Torrans, M. Teschner, c. 1996 Word Music, Inc.

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)” - arr. Mauldin c. 2014 Tomlin/Cash/Myrin/Armstrong/Redman, Thankyou Music.

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Bible Reading — Mark 11:1-11

— [Prayer]

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “The One Who Gives”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Hymn #277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the lovelight of Jesus’ face.

Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”

