

# Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Organ & Piano • Minji Will, Cantor

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### Prelude

*Toccata Giocosa*

by Ian Hunt

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### Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Jeremiah

It is holy to gather.

***It is holy to sing.***

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

***It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.***

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

***It is holy to remember.***

It is holy to gather.

***It is holy to sing.***

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

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### + Opening Hymn

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

United Methodist Hymnal #277

#### Verse 1

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.

#### Verse 2

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.

#### Verse 3

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!"

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## Prayer of Confession

with Pastor Jeremiah

*God of street parades and hosannas,  
we know that you are counting on us to speak out  
against oppression,  
to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,  
but so often we are silent.  
We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,  
so we don't say anything at all.  
We worry that we'll offend,  
so we keep our convictions to ourselves.  
We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,  
so we stay silent.  
And meanwhile, the parade marches on.  
Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.  
Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"  
Gratefully we pray. Amen.*

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## Words of Forgiveness

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Rainbow Dancers

*Glory, Hosanna*

by Mark Friedman

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## Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

United Methodist Hymnal #191

### Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

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## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

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## Psalter

*Psalms 118: Let Us Rejoice*

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### Cantor Sings [x2]

This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad!

### Congregational Sung Response [x2]

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## Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God's mercy endures forever;  
Let the house of Israel say:  
"God's mercy endures forever."

## Sung Response

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### Gospel

*Luke 19:28-40*

with Bruce Richmond

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<sup>28</sup>Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: <sup>30</sup> "Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. <sup>31</sup> If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.' " <sup>32</sup>They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. <sup>33</sup>As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you doing that?' <sup>34</sup>They explained that the Rabbi needed it. <sup>35</sup>Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. <sup>36</sup>People spread their cloaks on the

roadway as Jesus rode along. <sup>37</sup>As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying, <sup>38</sup>"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup>Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

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## Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God!***

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## Hymn of Preparation

*Filled with Excitement*

United Methodist Hymnal #279

### Verse 1

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.

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## Refrain

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!”

## Verse 2

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 with love and faith.

## Refrain

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### Sermon Preparation

May the words of my mouth,  
*and the meditation of our hearts*  
*be acceptable to your Spirit,*  
*our Rock and our Redeemer.*

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### Sermon

*Even the Stones Cry Out*  
with Pastor Hannah

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### + Affirmation of Faith

with Pastor Hannah

*We believe in a God of surprises.*

*We believe in a God with a sense of humor.*

*We believe that there are things we may never  
understand, but we believe that even in the mystery,  
God is there.*

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and  
put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their  
cloaks on the road.

*We believe in giving what we have.*

*We believe that actions of generosity change us.  
We dare to believe that these small acts can change  
the world.*

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God  
in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

*We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker.*

*We believe in a God of good news.*

*We believe this good news is so good that we cannot  
help but sing.*

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher,  
rebuke your disciples!”

*We believe there will be forces that try to silence  
what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.*

*We do not believe those voices will have the last  
word.*

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"I tell you," Jesus replied, "  
if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

***We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

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## **Hymn of Response**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

United Methodist Hymnal #278

### **Verse 1**

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.

### **Verse 2**

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.

### **Verse 3**

"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!.

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## **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

with Pastor Jeremiah

***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.***

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## **Mission Minute**

with Pat Becker, Mission Committee Chair

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## **Offering Invitation**

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## Offertory

*Comptine d'un autre été*

by Yan Tiersen

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

United Methodist Hymnal #95

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

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## Prayer of Dedication

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

United Methodist Hymnal #292

verse 1 & 3

## Verse 1

What wondrous love is this,

○ my soul, ○ my soul,

what wondrous love is this, ○ my soul!

What wondrous love is this

that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

## Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing,

I will sing, to God and to the Lamb,

I will sing; to God and to the Lamb

who is the great I AM,

while millions join the theme I will sing,

I will sing; while millions join the theme I will sing.

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## Benediction

with Pastor Hannah

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## Postlude

*Voluntary in E minor*

by John Stanley

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