

## **GATHERING**

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### **Gathering & Greeting**



#### **\*Introit**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH #278

Hymn by Jeanette Threlfall; Tune: ELLACOMBE

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!

**\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

*Leader:* Jesus entered into Jerusalem  
humbly on a donkey, seeking to transform the people.

**People: Hosanna! God save us!**

People gathered from everywhere to wave palm  
branches and praise him as royalty.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Jesus enters into our lives humbly,  
seeking to transform our hearts and lives.

**Hosanna! God save us!**

Let us worship Jesus Christ together,  
and receive him into our presence.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Hymn**

The King of Glory<sup>2</sup>

TFWS #2091

Hymn by Rev. Willard F. Jabusch; Tune: Israeli folk song

**REFRAIN: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices**

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. (Refrain)

In all of Galilee, in city or village  
He goes among his people curing their illness (Refrain)

Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother  
In all of Galilee was never another (Refrain)

## **\*Passing the Peace**

## **PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**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.**

### **\*The Gospel Lesson**

**John 12:12-16, NRSV**

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!"

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Word of God for the people of God:  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Small Talk & Noisy Offering

Kate Beck

*a special message for children, followed by a special collection for UMCOR.*

## The Message

Rev. Jon Snape



### **\*Hymn**      We Sang Our Glad Hosannas<sup>3</sup>    TFWS #2111

Hymn by Mary Nelson Keighahn; Music by John D. Horman

We sang our glad hosannas and waved our branches high  
But some were silent, frowning, as Jesus rode on by.  
They sought a royal Savior, but did not understand  
A king could rule by loving instead of by command.

We saw an angry Jesus in Temple courts declare,  
“Be gone, you money changers! This is a house of prayer.”  
Though many came for healing and stayed to hear his  
word, still others hostile, plotted and thus his death assured.

We served him at the table with wine, unleavened bread.  
“The one who will betray me now eats with me,” he said.  
His friends would not believe him,  
but one by one that night,  
as soldiers came to take him, they scurried out of sight.

We saw a suffering Jesus alone, without a friend,  
and heard the voices shouting abuse until the end.  
We wept as we stood watching  
Love’s light grow dim and die  
and cried, “Why did this happen? God, tell us, tell us why!”

*Without his tears, there is no comfort  
Without his death, there is no life  
Without his blood, there is no pardon  
Without his cross, there is no crown*

## **PRAYER & THANKSGIVING**

### **Prayer of the People**

We pray for the church, that we may humbly bear our crosses and follow Jesus as our King and Lord.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for pastors entrusted with your holy word, like the priests and scribes. May they preserve the truth of your word and teach and live according to it.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter. Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us all that we do wrong.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas. May they find true freedom by changing the way they live.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all in government, like Pilate and Herod. May they use their power properly, and serve truth and justice.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves crucified with Jesus. May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for parents like Mary, who have lost a child. For friends and family like the disciples, who have lost one they love. May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for peace in areas where there is unrest and conflict. Protect our neighbors in these places.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole human race, that all will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior, pray for those who hurt them, and forgive them too.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And we pray for those with special needs who are known to us personally, and whom we now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, that as we suffer with Jesus, so we may rise to life in his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

## Offering

### **Giving Options**

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## Offertory

*Kim Spivey, piano*

## \*Doxology

UMH #95

Tune: Old 100th

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.

## SENDING FORTH

## Discussion

## \*Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

UMH #290

Hymn by James Montgomery; Tune REDHEAD  
verses 1-3

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his grief away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See him at the judgment hall,  
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned.  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb,  
there, adoring at his feet  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.

"It is finished," hear him cry. Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

### **\*Dismissal with Blessing**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

Were You There  
African-American Spiritual

UMH #288

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

#### 1. Call to Worship

written by Chris Heckert

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/call-to-worship-palm-sunday.html>

#### 2. The King of Glory

by Rev. Willard F. Jabusch

Music: Trad. Israeli folk tune, arr. Betty Pulkinham

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#### 3. We Sang our Glad Hosannas

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# **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

## **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday: March 28. Service at 6:30pm

Good Friday: March 29. Service at 6:30pm

## **Easter Worship**

7:00am Sunrise Service (Courtyard)

9:00am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

10:15am Butterfly Release (Courtyard)

11:15am Praise Service (Sanctuary)

11:15am The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)