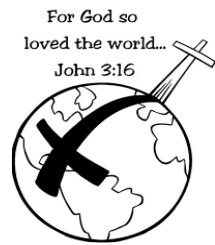


Sixth Sunday in Lent
PALM SUNDAY
Theme — Depths of Love: God Draws Near



Sunday, March 24, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude: “The Holy City” Adams

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips.

Leader: We will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

People: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for.

Leader: We will follow because he is the Word who sustains us.

People: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*Hymn: #196 “All Glory Laud and Honor”

*Prayer of the Day

God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey, You are not the savior we expect. Your power doesn’t look like the power we want our God to demonstrate. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow

you into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane and to the foot of the cross. Forgive our false assumptions. Clarify our clouded vision. Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace. Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, we beseech you! AMEN

Assurance of Pardon - #444 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” (vs.4)
“Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Festival of Joy” David Lantz

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2,19-23 and Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: “The Risk Of Doing It Jesus’ Way”

*Hymn: #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everlasting God, we bring our gifts remembering the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. Looking for a certain Messiah, yet You gave them a different one—not of political power and military might, but one who continues to gift the world with compassion and mercy. Use our gifts likewise to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #198 "Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Friends, we journey now into a week where transformation will meet us, a transformation which came at a terrible price.

People: We will not stop until you are at the cross where we, too, will join the faithful few.

Leader: Meet and guide us we pray, looking confidently to the Christ despite his abandonment and need.

People: We go forth into this week not afraid of the crosses we, too, are asked to bear.

Leader: Yet amidst the horror of the tragedy, we will anticipate the victory of our God.

People: We will look for the light of day and for the burdens of our heart to be rolled away.

Leader: Friends, until then, God be with you! AMEN

Postlude: "Ride On, O King, Ride On"

Gilbert Martin

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Gwen Hess

Announcements

Our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering continues and runs until Easter Sunday, March 31. Envelopes will be in the pews for this or just use a white envelope and mark it One Great Hour of Sharing.

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