

ORDER OF WORSHIP April 10, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem – Luke 19:28-40

Introit (Bells) – "Let Sweet Hosannas Ring"

Anthem – "Hosanna to the King"

Hymn of Praise – "All Glory, Laud and Honor" v. 1,2,3,4 (UMH #280) Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.

(Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord,

People: For God will lift up those who are humble. Pastor: The call of Christ points us toward the cross.

People: Following Christ requires sacrifice and self-denial.

Pastor: Come, let us walk in the ways of Lord,

People: Let us leave behind the world's ways and worship Christ.

Prayer

Almighty God, we praise you and thank you for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As we enter into this Holy Week, strengthen us to follow Jesus beyond the festive parade of palms, and into the way of the cross. May the Holy Spirit cleanse and prepare us, so that as we are united with Christ we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of resurrection. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the Christ, who entered Jerusalem in triumph, who is also the same Christ who died on Calvary. I believe in the God who speaks in fire and storm, who is also the God of the still, small voice. I believe in the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost, who is also the Spirit that guides my life. I believe that being a Christian involves more than coming to worship and being "nice"; I believe it means being faithful at home, in leisure times, and in school or business. I believe that many of the triumphs of Christ are small, even unnoticed, and occur in the lives and decisions of people whose names will never appear in the newspaper. And I believe I am called to live out my belief in love and justice for others each and every day. For Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and justice, established now and reigning forever. Amen.

Anthem – "The Palms"

Anthem – "Who is He?"

Hymn – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" v. 1,3 (UMH #278)

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.

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!

Scripture Lesson – Philippians 2:5-11

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology – "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #95) 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 Thanksgiving

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 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, forever. Amen.

Hymn – "What Wondrous Love is This?" v. 2,3 (UMH #292) What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

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;
while millions join the theme I will sing.

Meditation

Reading of the Passion – Luke 23, selected verses

Hymn – "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (UMH#297) Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest up on the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and burden of the day.

Up on that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Anthem – "Via Dolorosa"

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Pastor: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

People: Because even if we were silent, the stones themselves would have called out.

Pastor: We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,

People: and then it changed completely.

Pastor: We have walked with another crowd.

People: One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

Pastor: And now we follow this crowd as it leads out to the cross. Yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

People: Because God is with us, and God will be with us.

Pastor: Go forth in peace; in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sung Response – "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" v. 3 (UMH #301) Near the cross! O Lamb of God bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Postlude

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