

Sunday April 5th, 2020

Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to God,

All: whose steadfast love endures forever.

One: Give praise to the one who comes in God's name.

All: We wave our palms in praise and celebration.

One: This is the day that our God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad. Hosanna!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU - "There's A Man Riding In On A Donkey"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God of steadfast love, we celebrate the coming of your Messiah with glad songs and hosannas. We wave our palms and cheer. May we wholeheartedly celebrate the life, the foreboding, and the love and grace that this day symbolizes, even while clouds gather on the horizon. As we hear a familiar story told once more, open our hearts to receive these words anew, that they may shape our lives and faith. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission – Planting a Path to Reconciliation

Hymn: VU 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

For the times we have mocked rather than blessed, forgive us. For the moments we deny you and others, reclaim us. For the times we have forsaken bonds of friendship, renew us. When we are the ones being mistreated, bless us. When we are the ones being denied and betrayed, love us. Strengthen us to face the time of trial, O God, that we may remain faithful to you, faithful to one another, and faithful to your gospel of love. In hope and humility, we pray. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Give thanks to God, for God's faithful love lasts forever!

All: In this faithful love, we are forgiven and strengthened in Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Gospel Reading: John 12: 12-19

Anthem: Hillsong UNITED – “*Hosanna*” live in Jerusalem

Message: The Road Into Easter

Hymn: VU 127 “Ride on! Ride on in majesty!”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 122 “All Glory, Laud And Honour”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: Fountainview Academy – “Hail Him The King Of Glory”