

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Opening Words

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Today is Palm Sunday signifying the beginning of Holy Week. It is in Holy Week where we Enter with Jesus through the Gates of Jerusalem's and journeying with Jesus to the cross.

Remember the story of Palm Sunday. Jesus riding on a donkey, entering Jerusalem, people shouting Hosanna and laying palm branches on the road. Imagine that you are there on that dusty road shouting with the crowd as you hear these words from the Gospel according to Mathew how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

Call to Worship Let us add our voices to the mix

Hosanna to the Son of David Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Now let us sing together this hymn whose words have been used for centuries to celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

Opening Hymn--- All Glory Laud and Honor #280 v. 1, 3,4

Open Prayer--- Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. As we worship you in our homes without palm branches to wave, may we feel your presence with us and may we feel the power that this Palm Sunday brings. Remind us of how radical this procession of Jesus really was and that Jesus came to bring true peace that only you can offer. May we feel that peace this morning. Amen.

Sermon "Blessed is the One Who Comes"

Rev. Christina

Offering Even though we are not physically in the sanctuary to put our offering in the plates, we can still this morning ponder the gifts of God given to us. And there still are ways to give your tithes and offerings to God—you can mail in your check. We are checking the mailbox daily. You can also donate from our website. There is a donation button there to give electronically.

Continuing the Journey to the Cross

Scripture—Philippians 2:5-11

Closing Song--- We sang our Glad Hosannas FWS 2111 v 1,2,3,4

Closing words "Prayer of the Day" by Dr. Cynthia A Wilson from the Discipleship Ministries of the UMC © 2020 Discipleship Ministries:

*Lord God, You are good! Your goodness never ends;
Here we are God, the crowd has thinned out, it is eerily quiet;
The air has shifted, the palms have been trampled, the sky is gray;
The joy has disappeared, the voices of victory are silent;
The celebration for the arrival of Our long awaited Messianic Hope is waning;
The road ahead is long, but we are able! It is the way of suffering, we are able!
Mold us and make us like Thee divine.
Even in our human frailty, You are still good!
Even in our doubts, You are still good!
Even in the face of betrayal, You are still good!
We place our lives are in your hands, because you are still good!
And your goodness never ends,
And so we cry **Hosanna!**
AMEN!*

Sending Forth

May we go in peace as we journey with Christ along this Holy Week journey.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those in your house with you and then silently to those whose names come to your heart.

Words to the Hymns

All Glory Laud and Honor #280 v. 1, 3, 4

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One.
2. The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;
Our praise and love and anthems Before thee we present.
3. To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

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Closing Song--- We sang our Glad Hosannas FWS 2111 v
1,2,3,4

1. 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.
2. We heard an angry Jesus in Temple courts declare, "Be
gone, you moneychangers! 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.
3. 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.
4. 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!"

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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All who have been affected by the Coronavirus