

March 28, 2021
"PALM / PASSION SUNDAY"
Liturgical Color – Purple

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *LET US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OPENING PAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Blessed is the coming reign of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in humility and righteousness!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Save us, O God, and fill our hearts in this time of worship.

* *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

(on insert)

* *He Is Exalted*

(twice) (on insert)

* *We Will Glorify the King of Kings*

(on insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God, we cannot possibly grasp the meaning of the Incarnation.
That you emptied yourself to become one of us,
that you walked among us and experienced the full range of human emotion,
that you humbled yourself and suffered in our place –
it is too marvelous for us to understand.**

**You call us to live as your children, reflecting your love and grace and glory.
You call us to live in a manner worthy of the great sacrifice you made on our behalf.
Despite wanting to live up to our high calling, we fail time and time again.**

**We grasp where you let go. We are proud where you were humble.
We avoid pain and disappointment and suffering where you embraced it for the sake of love.**

Forgive us, gracious God.

Renew and restore us that we might walk the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Amen.

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON:

Out of the depths of God's eternal love for us,

God hears our prayers, forgives our sins, and sets us free to live and work for God's glory.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are free!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peter Uritz

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Ecumenical Text)

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN.**

GOD'S WORD:

Mark 11:1-11

(The reader says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The people respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE JESUS?"

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

Which Jesus are you looking for?

Do you really want to see Jesus?

Are you ready for Jesus?

* *Lift High the Cross*

(on insert)

* PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

Faithful God, your Son Jesus revealed what it means to be a servant leader who trusts you fully.

His steadfast obedience to your will cost him dearly.

Yet through his amazing self-sacrifice, you bring healing, hope, and peace.

During this week, help us to reflect your great love in Christ.

Let our words and actions point to your grace.

We offer ourselves, our tithes and our offerings through the Prince of Peace. Amen.

* BENEDICTION

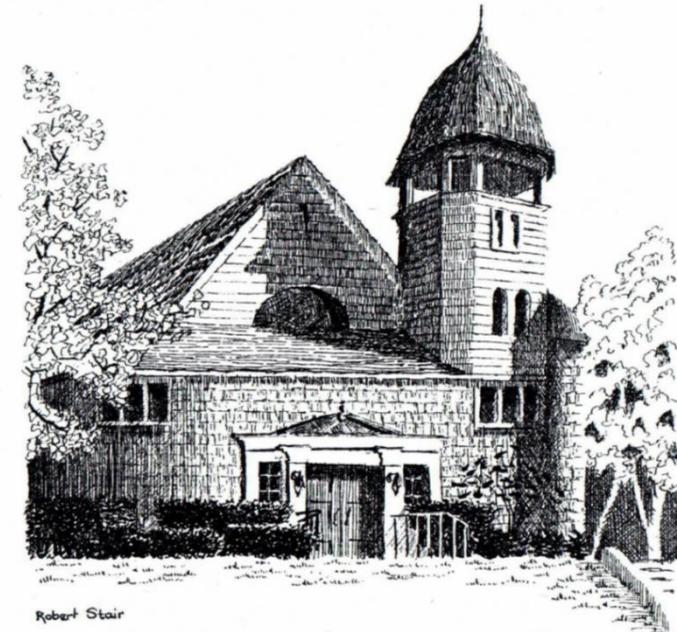
* *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(on insert)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

(Psalm 122:1)



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TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

**Many people spread out their clothes on the road,
while others spread branches cut from the fields.
Those in front of him and those following were shouting,
"Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!"**

(Mark 11:8-10)