

St. John's United Church of Christ
March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

Gathering Words

"This is the Day"

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Mission Moment

Lynda Pound

Passing of the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

Prelude

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship

from Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B

God wakens us to this new day and bids us enter the gates of righteousness.

This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith.

This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

God causes light to shine on us and blesses our festive procession.

Blessed is the One who comes in God's name. Hosanna in the highest!

Procession of the Palms and Musical Meditation

Call to Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie (spoken rather than sung)

Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Siblings, beyond the shadow of a doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and freed.

Glory Be to the Father #704 (spoken rather than sung)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Children's Sermon Chani Wolfe
Anthem "Hosanna, Hosanna!" Joseph M. Martin/J. Paul Williams
Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11
Sermon Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Musical Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Musical Meditation

Invitation to Giving

Commission & Benediction *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the world.

May the blessing of God, who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us forever, fill you with a zeal for justice and passion for peace, this day and always.

Postlude

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Special Thanks to everyone who made our worship possible this morning.

If you are ill, have a fever, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home.

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are in memory of Hazel Karper Rumler and Charles W. Karper, given by Sandy and Bob Lewis, Cookie and Jerry Miller, and families.

Join us for our **Virtual Fellowship Time** this afternoon at 2 pm on Zoom. Our meeting ID is 956-4820-9436 and passcode is 755909. The direct link is [here](#).

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