



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

11AM WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2024

Mission: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ's love thrives.

### PRELUDE

#### GATHERING SONG

Hosanna

Congregation & Praise

1. I see the King of glory, Coming on the clouds with fire, The whole earth shakes, The whole earth shakes.
2. I see His love and mercy, Washing over all our sin, The people sing, The people sing  
**Chorus:** Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
3. I see a generation, Rising up to take their place, With selfless faith, With selfless faith
4. I see a near revival, Stirring as we pray and seek, We're on our knees, We're on our knees  
**Chorus.**
5. Heal my heart and make it clean, Open up my eyes to the things unseen, Show me how to love like You have loved me, Break my heart for what breaks Yours, Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause, As I walk from earth into eternity. **Chorus.**

### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Liturgist, Grace Mukupa

Liturgist: Sing songs of loudest praise!

**People: Hosanna!**

L: Sing songs that are unashamed.

**P: Hosanna!**

L: Sing songs without being afraid.

**P: Hosanna!**

L: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

**P: Hosanna!**

L: Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

#### HYMN\*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

1. 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.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "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!

#### THE PEACE OF CHRIST\*

#### COMMUNAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel. However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song. Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With hope and honesty we pray, amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord in your mercy.

P: Hear our 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**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jan

## ANTHEM

Lift High the Palms

Chancel Choir

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-16

Rev. Jan Phillips

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

## SERMON

Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise

Rev. Steve Jones

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\*

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## HYMN\*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

**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. **Refrain.**

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain.**

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

5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain.**

## BENEDICTION\*

## POSTLUDE

