

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

April 10, 2022/Palm/Passion Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*You have to take risks. We will only understand the miracle of life fully when we allow the unexpected to happen. ~ Paulo Coelho*

PRELUDE *Adagio from Toccata Undecima* Georg Muffat

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *When Jesus Came to Jerusalem* John Erickson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Surprising God, you come to our lives in ways we do not expect.

We ask for success;

**All: You teach us acceptance.**

One: We ask to be loved;

**All: You ask us to love.**

One: We ask for ease;

**All: You challenge us.**

One: We ask for a triumphant Messiah;

**All: You come as one obedient to death.**

One: We glorify the winner;

**All: You glorify the loser who died on a criminal's cross.**

One: Walk among us, surprising God of peace.

**All: Sanctify our joys and our successes; turn our hearts to you. At the name of Jesus, we bow before you. May your name be glorified in your church, now and always. Hosanna!**

\*HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* GG: 197

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our hurt and anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to listen to you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Even when we become betrayers, even when we choose poorly or act selfishly, even then we are forgiven.

**All: Our God does not bear grudges, but unburdens our guilt and sets us free. Thanks be to the God of steadfast love.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor* GG: 196

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”  
Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sarabande in D Minor* G. F.  
Handel

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* tune GG: 606

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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 debts as we forgive  
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* GG: 611

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

POSTLUDE *Moderato con moto* César Franck

\*All who are able please stand