



Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Jesus, ride again into our cities,
temples, upper rooms and Gethsemanes.
Give us sight so that this time we
might recognize YOU. (USA: Prayers for Peace)

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship*

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**WE WILL JOURNEY THROUGH PRAISE, WITH JOY ON OUR LIPS;
WE WILL TRAVEL THROUGH BETRAYAL AND DEATH,
CRADLING HOPE DEEP IN OUR HEARTS.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

**WE WAVE PALM BRANCHES IN ANTICIPATION,
WE LAY OUR LOVE BEFORE HIM, TO CUSHION HIS WALK.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**HOSANNA! HOSANNA!
BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO BRINGS US
THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

HYMN *Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!* VT 313

.... with palms procession

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Greeting: *The Peace of Christ be with you!* Response: *And also with you!*

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Worship Music *All in the April Evening*

... Text: Katherine Tynan
Music: Hugh S. Robertson

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:1-17*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People

Announcements

SENDING INTO HOLY WEEK

Worship Music *Lay down your head*

... Text: John L. Bell & Graham Maule
Music: John L. Bell

Sending Words**

Postlude ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship time follows worship, with coffee/tea/juice in the Common Grounds room. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:00am.

*Call to Worship: written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent **Lectionary Liturgies** blog. <http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Sending Words: ~ posted on **Christine Jerrett. <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>

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Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website! Between now and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we will also be collecting coins in the buckets on the table and/or in the jug in the foyer!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Nursery Attendant: Cindy Kroeker
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Scripture Reader: Julie Goering
Children's Time: Nick Krehbiel
Worship Music: Choir - Calvin Buller, director;
Pauline Buller, accompanist
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

COMING UP...

TODAY – volunteers needed after Sunday School to set up Stations of the Cross

Holy Week (April 2-8) - details below

Sat April 8 – Volunteers needed to take down Stations of the Cross (talk to Tonya)

Sun April 9 – **Easter potluck brunch @ 9am; Worship @ 10am**; No Sunday School

Bring your own table service and a dish to share.

The palm branches used in worship today were ordered from *Eco-Palms*, supporting palm harvesters in Latin America, their families and communities. *Eco-Palms* provides fair prices for quality palms, encouraging sustainable harvesting.

HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, WORSHIP & MEDITATION

Stations of the Cross

You are invited to spend time in praying with the Stations of the Cross which will be available in the foyer, Common Grounds room and sanctuary as follows:

Wed April 5..10am-4:00pm,

Thu April 6..noon-8pm and

Fri April 7..1-8pm

Maundy Thursday (April 6)

Gather at 6pm for a light meal, worship and communion.

Good Friday (April 7)

Noon Community Good Friday Service @ Trinity UMC (Pastor Tonya helping)

Stations of the Cross at FMC open 1:00- 8:00pm

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE – April 17-18

Pie tins and bags for breads are on the table in the foyer. Please take what you need for your baked items. Deliver directly to the sale or to church by 9:30am on April 14.



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