WORSHIP HANDOUT March 28, 2021



UMH #278

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS Love Fund Holy Week, Easter, and April

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem tells us that after his celebrated arrival, he went into the Temple and looked around at everything.

As we gather here for worship today, may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too, and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see Him. May our hearts be ready to be seen by Him. May our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes. Amen.

~ written by Ann Siddall and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website. https://stillpointsa.org.au/

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna TIME OF PRAYER UNISON PRAYER **Generous God,** in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S 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 now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Standing on the Promises UMH #374

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I CEB

Mark 11:1-11

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, ² saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'" ⁴They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2

CEB

John 12:12-16

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted, "Hosanna!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the king of Israel!"

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.

Look! Your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt.

16 His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. L: This is the Word of God for all people. **P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH #298 OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY UMH #95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Lenten Benediction Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes (TFWS #2138 adapted as below):

"We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need; and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed; we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving overmuch our things; may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings."

POSTLUDE