

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Full to the Brim Video

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

**It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.**

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

**It is holy to remember.**

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

\*HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God,**

**sometimes life feels like a parade rushing by us  
as we stand on the sidelines and try not to miss it!**

**There are hundreds of things that catch our eye,  
but the thing we fear missing the most is you.**

**So slow down the speed on this parade.**

**Paint the colors of this world a little brighter.**

**And dance through the words in our scripture passage**

**until it is almost impossible for us to miss you there.**

**God we are here.**

**We are trying to pay attention.**

**Gratefully we pray, amen.**

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

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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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of street parades and hosannas,  
**we know that you are counting on us to speak out  
against oppression,**

to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,  
**but so often we are silent.**

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,  
**so we don't say anything at all.**

We worry that we'll offend,  
**so we keep our convictions to ourselves.**

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,  
**so we stay silent.**

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

**Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.**

**Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"**

**Gratefully we pray, amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, even when we are silent,

even when we are scared,  
even when we miss the moment,  
even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—  
we belong to God.

There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so  
rest in this  
good news:

**We are forgiven. We are known.**

**We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God 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.

HYMN We Hope Against All Hope

LESSON I Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 CEB

**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.**

**<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say it:**

**“God’s faithful love lasts forever!”**

**Open the gates of righteousness for me  
so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!**

**<sup>20</sup> This is the Lord’s gate;  
those who are righteous enter through it.**

**<sup>21</sup> I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.**

**<sup>22</sup> The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!**

**<sup>23</sup> This has happened because of the Lord;  
it is astounding in our sight!**

**<sup>24</sup> This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

**<sup>25</sup> Lord, please save us!  
Lord, please let us succeed!**

**<sup>26</sup> The one who enters in the Lord’s name is blessed;  
we bless all of you from the Lord’s house.**

**<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God!  
He has shined a light on us!**

**So lead the festival offering with ropes  
all the way to the horns of the altar.**

**<sup>28</sup> You are my God—I will give thanks to you!  
You are my God—I will lift you up high!**

**<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.**

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

**After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.**

**<sup>29</sup> As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. <sup>30</sup> He said, “Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.**

**<sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”**

**<sup>34</sup> They replied, “Its master needs it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. <sup>36</sup> As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.**

**<sup>37</sup> As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. <sup>38</sup> They said,**

**“Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”**

**<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!”**

**<sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”**

**L: This is the Word of God for all people.**

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**“Even the Stones Cry Out”**

**HYMN**

**Chorus of Our Faith**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Paraphrased from and inspired by Luke 19:28-40.

Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, "The Lord needs it."

**We believe in a God of surprises.**

**We believe in a God with a sense of humor.**

**We believe that there are things we may never understand, but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.**

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

**We believe in giving what we have.**

**We believe that actions of generosity change us.**

**We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.**

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

**We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker.**

**We believe in a God of good news.**

**We believe this good news is so good that we cannot help but sing.**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

**We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.**

**We do not believe those voices will have the last word.**

“I tell you,” Jesus replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way.**

**We believe.**

**Help our unbelief.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Even in the Desert, verse 1

POSTLUDE