

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Lent: Sanctified Art, Wandering Heart

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME All Glory, Laud, and Honor (PubD) UMH 280

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing songs of loudest praise!

**Hosanna!**

Sing songs that are unashamed.

**Hosanna!**

Sing songs without being afraid.

**Hosanna!**

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

**Hosanna!**

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

The Gospel of John tells us that crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, singing and shouting with confidence.

After describing the crowd, however, the Gospel writer zooms in on the disciples and tells us that while the crowds shouted praise at Jesus, the disciples were confused. The text says, “the disciples did not understand what was happening” (John 12:16).

A lot of our lives may look like this: either we understand God’s presence in our lives and want to

shout it from the rooftop—or we're standing on the side of the parade missing our chance to sing.

That is why we need the prayer of confession. Because life happens fast, and without a doubt, we have stood where the disciples stood. So let us pray, for we don't want to miss our chance to sing:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**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.**

#### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus marched for you. Jesus'

love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you.

You are included in this story and nothing can ever change that.

So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones:

We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved you yesterday. Jesus Christ loves you today. And Jesus

Christ will love you tomorrow. You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER      He's Got the Whole World in  
His Hands

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM:      Lenten Carol, by Stephen Walters (OneL)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pastor)

God of grace,  
your Word is like a song.  
It is the melody that we long to sing,  
the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads.  
So as we return to scripture once more,  
we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song.  
Allow us to hear the truth in between the words.  
Allow the cries of the crowd's "hosannas" to feel like our own.  
With open hearts and open ears we pray, amen.

\*LESSON 1:      **John 12:12-16 CEB (liturgist)**

**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.**

This is the Word of God for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Songs of Loudest Praise

## \*HYMN Built on a Rock

## TIME OF PRAYER

## PASTORAL AND SILENT 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.**

PRAYER HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vs. 1-3  
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## 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. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

LESSON 2      John 13:19-25   CEB (pastor)

**<sup>19</sup> “I’m telling you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I Am. <sup>20</sup> I assure you that whoever receives someone I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”**

### **Announcement of the betrayal**

**<sup>21</sup> After he said these things, Jesus was deeply disturbed and testified, “I assure you, one of you will betray me.”**

**<sup>22</sup> His disciples looked at each other, confused about which of them he was talking about. <sup>23</sup> One of the disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was at Jesus’ side. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter nodded at him to get him to ask Jesus who he was talking about. <sup>25</sup> Leaning back toward Jesus, this disciple asked, “Lord, who is it?”**

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

## 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!**

\*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

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POSTLUDE