

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday April 13th

6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

Sanctified Art: Everything In-Between

Theme: Shouting and Silence

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” UMH #280

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this day, Jesus marched

**P: in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

L: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

**P: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

L: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Hosanna in between!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (liturgist)

L: God meets us in the night—

**P: before the sun rises, before the wound heals, before there
are answers, before there is closure.**

L: God meets us in the light—

P: where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious, where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, where people gather around tables.

L: God meets us in between—

P: at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness, at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.

L: And if God meets us in all those places, then surely God meets us everywhere—

P: at the water's edge, at the start of something new, after the baptism, and before the call.

L: We are not alone. God is all around.

P: Let us worship the God of everything.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Jesus Loves Me
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM "On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem" Carter/Beall

TIME OF PRAYER
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "Veni Sancte Spiritus" TFWs #2118

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (liturgist)
Speaking God,

Most days we are inundated with noise.
Some of it is good—
laughter, music, storytelling.
Some of it is hard—
arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes.
Every day we live between silence and shouting,
rotating through quiet and noise.
So in the midst of this messy middle,
help us to hear what is yours.
Help us to hear your song,
your story, your good news.
Help us to hear your voice,
your Spirit, your will.
And show us how to release the rest.
We are listening.
Amen.

*LESSON Luke 19:29-40 CEB

²⁹ As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” ³² Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

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

³⁷ 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. ³⁸ They said,

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

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

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

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Shouting and Silence

*HYMN

A Place at the Table

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we are truthtellers in the prayer of confession.

We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.

We tell the truth of our lives.

We lay it all out before God.

But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.

In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful.

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

L: Great Creator, forgive me

**P: when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

L: Creator God, forgive me

**P: when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,**

but I do not listen to you.

L: Creator God, forgive me

**P: when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.**

Forgive me.

L: Create in me a heart like yours.

P: Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,
whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth
time,

whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,
God listens to you.

God is merciful.

God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God
from loving you.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are
forgiven.**

**Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the
highest! Amen.**

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)**

**We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of
Jerusalem.**

**We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.**

**We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe**

that hope cannot be silenced.

So we listen for the Spirit.

We sing Hosanna.

We pay attention.

**For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.**

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

“ Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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POSTLUDE