

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28, 2021, 10:00 am

Palm Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Hymn:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" VU #123

Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

*** Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles:**

The Outreach Candle calls us into servanthood, the love and support of neighbours,

even in the midst of our own chaos.

The Unity Candle beckons us into one light,

the light of welcoming inclusion and friendship to all.

Christ's light shines in all the places of our lives, and nothing has never put it out...

not even in the Season of Lent.

May God's light grow as we walk this journey together.

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

The grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Blessing of the Palm Crosses

* Call to Worship:

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming Messiah.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Saviour, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Palm Sunday Reading

* Hymn: "He Came Riding on a Donkey" VU #124

He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy, kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.

Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.

In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

Litany of Palms:

Jesus was loved by the poor, the outcast, the unwanted,
so people with power feared him.
Jesus stood against what was happening in the Temple,
so the Sadducees were afraid of him.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,
so he was a threat to the Pharisees.
Jesus was called "Lord," "Son of God," and even "King,"
so Caesar and his government were afraid of him.
Jesus came in peace,
which was confusing to those who anticipated violence.
Jesus came proclaiming a new Kin-dom,
so the kingdoms of this world trembled.
Lord, help us to hope for and to love the promise of a new way,
more than the kingdoms of this world.
And the people said,
Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, who brings life to all creation, who comes into
our bleakest moments to bring peace and strength.
Come now to be with us, forgiving when we exclude
anyone or suppress new ideas.
Forgive us when we refuse empathy in the steps of
another.
Show us a new way to join with you in the ongoing
journey of our lives.**

Affirmation:

Christ exercises his leadership, not by force or coercion, but by
forgiving our sins by his grace, by calming our spirits with his
love, and by inspiring our wills by his example. Accept him into
each one of us by going forth in peace knowing we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "On Humble Beast"
*Offered by Debbie Mailman, Mary McFarlane,
Brenda Parker, Scott Sweatman*

Sermon: **Just Hang On**

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope" MV #33, v1,3
Jesus came bringing us hope
Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us love
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Lenten Candle / Passion

*** Hymn:** “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” VU #127

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

Music as We Depart