



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28, 2021, 10:00 am

Palm Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

* Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

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

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

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Lenten Candle / Passion

*** Hymn:** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" VU #127

*** 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



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