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Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10:00 am

Palm Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

*** Introit:** “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!

Blessing of the Palms

Be in these hands, wands of joy, to celebrate the One
coming in the name of the Lord;
be here, instruments of faith,
beyond the common longing for our ways;
be for us, the wave of abandon,
to God's way of the cross
and the victory of love's
pure sacrifice in hope! Amen.

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.
He comes with joy and hope.
He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

AMEN.

*** Hymn:** "This is the Day"

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Lenten Candle Journey

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** 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.

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24
Luke 19:28-40

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

Anthem: **On Humble Beast**
Offered by OVUC Choir – solo by Thea Koenig Burton

Sermon: **No Turning Back**

*** Hymn:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” VU #120

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me,
my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,

around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen,
O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Saviour and my friend.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Creator God You Gave Us Life”
Creator God you gave us life,
Your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole. **R**

MV #27

Refrain:

Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. **R**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **R**

*** 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!**