



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 13th, 2025, 10:00am

Palm Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Introit:** "Spirit Come" *D. MacGregor*
Choir enters, singing and parading...

Blessing of the Palms

Behold, in our hands are wands of joy,
to celebrate the One coming in God's name.
Behold, in our hands are wands of faith,
to usher in God's Spirit swirling among us.
Behold, in our hands are the wands of hope,
to enliven us into righteous action.
and behold, in our hands are the signs of love,
to infuse us with compassion for all creation.
for today with palms we shout, "Sanna, Sannanina!"
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Hymn: "Sanna, Sannanina" VU #128
African version of Hosanna

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lenten Candle Liturgy

So today, again, we mark the journey by extinguishing our sixth candle, even as we remember God's covenant of presence.
God-with-Us,

as we, Jesus' companions, enter Jerusalem, we renew our promise to follow the Way he taught. We shout "Hosanna," knowing this word means "God save us". In our world today, we are aware of so many ways that we long for you to save us. We celebrate, even as we despair. And even in our doubt, we hope. Today, we are grateful for your presence with us. Amen.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

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

Centreing Music

*Call to Worship:

This is Palm Sunday, and we remember the words of the prophet:
"the one to lead you is coming to you now, riding in humility."
We join the crowds who greeted Jesus:
Hosanna, son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!
And we respond with praise:
Hosanna in the highest heaven! Hosanna!
Let us worship God with glory and praise, waving palm branches and singing together.

***Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud and Honour" VU #122

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children – A Palm Litany Reading

Jesus rides into Jerusalem.
Hosanna!
Branches are waved, people shout!

Hosanna!

Hopes and dreams are running along with the parade!

Hosanna!

Shout and sing for joy! The Lord comes!

Hosanna in the highest!

Come, now is the time of dancing and joy!

Hosanna in the highest!

Now is the time, for Jesus comes into our lives!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29.....*The stone that the builders rejected*

Luke 19:28-40.....*Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Hosanna to the Son of David" *A. Pote*

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: "The Yo-Yo's of Holy Week" *Rev. Don Sellsted*

***Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" VU #660 vs. 1,3,5

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

***Offertory:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" VU #544

***Offertory Prayer:**

Holy God, we come prepared to share our gifts that they may bring hope and peace to a world in desperate need of love, faith, and compassion. Your Spirit moves us with gratitude. Through who we are

as a community, may we be a blessing to all creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

***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!**

***Congregational Benediction Hymn:**

"My Peace" *K. Routlege*

Postlude

In Loving Memory of Joan Carter White

from husband, Cecil; Janet and Peter.