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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction."*

*Blaise Pascal*

### PRELUDE

"My Lord What a Morning"

*arr Peter O'Connor*

### SCRIPTURE REEADING

Luke 19:29-38

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118*

**Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them**

**People: and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

**People: the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me

**People: and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing;

**People: it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### HYMN #278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

### Opening Scripture

Zechariah 9:9

**Dexter Time** (Rev. DeMott and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

### Children's Prayer

**Lord's Prayer** (*using debts-debtors*)

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Palms of Victory" *Peter O'Connor and Vern Burdick*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

**Musical Offertory** "My Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*arr by Peter O'Connor*

**Blessing and Amen**

## RESPONSIVE READING

*adapted from Psalm 112*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Shout Hosanna! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

**People: the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Shout Hosanna! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved;

**People: they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Shout Hosanna! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

**People: in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Leader: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever;

**People: their horn is exalted in honor.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Shout Hosanna! Praise the Lord!**

**\* Hymn #280** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

(Refrain)

3. The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.  
(Refrain)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
**SERMON**

Luke 9:7-9; 23:4-11

**PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Leader: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,

**People: that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.**

Leader: Morning by morning God wakens— wakens my ear

**People: to listen as those who are taught.**

Leader: The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

**People: I did not turn backward.**

Leader: I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

**People: I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.**

Leader: The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

**People: therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;**

Leader: The God who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

**People: Let us stand up together.**

**HYMN #286** “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:  
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE #898**

Danish Three-fold Amen

**POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in E Minor”

*by Frederic*

*Chopin*

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**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner  
Piano.....Peter O’Connor  
Special Music.....Peter O’Connor & Vern Burdick  
Zoom Co-host.....Lyle Slack

***Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom for a Virtual Coffee Hour.***

**Sunday, April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Lay Leader.....John Buckwalter  
Flowers.....Lana Meissner

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Our Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday, April 1 at 7pm in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

**EASTER TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS:** Please send the names of those family members or friends you wish to have printed in the Easter bulletin to [uucalfred@gmail.com](mailto:uucalfred@gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 30. This year we are asking Zoomers to display your Easter flowers at home so they are visible on your Zoom screen for everyone to enjoy. Those worshipping in the sanctuary may bring plants to church with them on Easter Sunday for display.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), Joyce Rausch & family on the death of Jim

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: Amnesty International**

The Board of Elders has selected Amnesty International as the Mission of the Month for March because it is an organization that is working to free political prisoners like Ding Jiayi. Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who take injustice personally. It is independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion. They are campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. If you wish to make a monetary donation please make checks out to UUC with "Amnesty" in the memo line

Amnesty International continues to work on Ding Jiayi case and has issued another urgent appeal for action. For further information on his case go to

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa17/3670/2021/en/>

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