

# Riverside United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday • April 5, 2020 • 9:30 AM

We gather online to worship in the name of the  
+the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit+

## GATHERING

### Gathering Music

### Call to Worship

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

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

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

### Processional Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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#### *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. **R**

2 The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **R**

3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. **R**

4 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise,  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **R**

5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **R**

### Invocation

Rev. Keith A. Turner

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King and by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

### Gathering the Community

## THE WORD

Modern Lesson from *The Mystery and the Passion* by David Buttrick

[The people of Israel] thought they had found a liberator. Here comes a Savior with clout who could make them great. But, hold on, he comes like a fool perched on a donkey. He is not waving from the turret in the midst of a ticker-tape parade. No, he comes weaponless on a farm animal. Of course, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was nothing compared to the cross. He dies without force or fury, clinging to faith and forgiving his killers. Maybe he is, after all, a different kind of liberator. Power in our world waves death and tramples the powerless. He gives peace and, yes, life. Look, we are called to follow the fool "king" on a donkey, and to hail his coming, so that someday, the whole world will follow him into a life of peace.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Gradual

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (st 1)*

UMH 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
though 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.

### Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, *Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."* The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to Christ, the Word.**

### Response

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (st 2)*

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"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.

### Sermon

*Hosanna! A Desperate World Worth Saving*

Rev. Keith A. Turner

## THE EUCHARIST

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

### The Great Thanksgiving for Palm Sunday

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In love you made us for yourself;  
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,  
your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,  
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments  
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,  
we may come to the fullness of grace  
that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,  
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen!  
Amen, amen, amen!**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

setting by Mark Miller

Our God, in heaven, holy is your name.  
Your reign come.  
Your will done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.  
In the time of trial, lead us into life.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Our God in heaven, holy is your name.  
Holy is your name.

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Hymn during Communion**

*Filled with Excitement*

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Filled with excitement, all the happy throng  
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.  
There in the distance they begin to see,  
riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praises to him who comes in the name of God.  
With one great shout of acclamation loud  
triumphant song breaks forth:  
"Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,  
we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,  
to the living Savior who still calls today,  
asking us to follow him with love and faith.

From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praises to him who comes in the name of God.  
With one great shout of acclamation  
loud triumphant song breaks forth:  
“Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### SENDING

#### Closing Hymn

*A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN

1 A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd  
had stripped the green trees bare,  
and hailing Christ as king aloud,  
waved branches in the air.

2 They laid their garments in the road  
and spread the path with palms  
and vows of lasting love bestowed  
with royal hymns and psalms.

3 When day dimmed down to deepening dark  
the crowd began to fade  
till only trampled leaves and bark  
were left from the parade.

4 Lest we be fooled because our hearts  
have surged with passing praise,  
remind us, God, as this week starts  
where Christ has fixed his gaze.

5 Instead of palms, a winding sheet  
will have to be unrolled,  
a carpet much more fit to greet  
the king a cross will hold.

#### **\*\*Benediction**

#### Sending Music