

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Palm Sunday

## GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

\*\*indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Fantasia on "All Glory, Laud and Honour"* J. S. Bach

MUSICAL INVITATION *Hosanna to the Son of David* T. L. Victoria

*Please rise to sing:*

\*\*VOICES UNITED **122** *All Glory, Laud and Honour*  
(you are encouraged to wave palm branches during the singing)

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP ...Jocelyn Birkes

The crowd has gathered to await the coming of Jesus!

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

**Hosanna in the highest!** (*wave palm branches*)

Today, Jesus leaves the wilderness and enters the city,  
riding on a donkey.

(*louder*)

**Hosanna in the highest!** (*wave palm branches*)

Today is a day of celebration.

(*louder*)

**Hosanna in the highest!** (*wave palm branches*)

But we are still in a season of Holy reflection.

(*softer*)

**Hosanna in the highest!** (*wave palm branches*)

Jesus travels toward the cross after leaving the city.

(*very soft*)

**Hosanna in the highest!** (*wave palm branches*)

But before he travels on, we greet him, shouting:

(*very loud*)

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

\*\*PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

(*The Community exchanges words and signs of peace;  
Children and youth may proceed to programs*)

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

...Brenda Peszle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How we love a winner, Pain-Bearer.

**How we love to bask in the glow of the successful.**

We shout louder than the stones for them,  
and strip branches to line the path of another's daring love.

We cheer ourselves hoarse when someone else takes the risk.

**We go all out when the sun is shining  
on your dream of peace and justice.**

When times are good,

**we proudly wear the team jersey.**

But when the good times end,

**when daring love meets stubborn fear, we cower.**

Now let us settle into the silence of our hearts:

The silence of the solitary cell, the empty street,

**the windy hill where crosses stand.** (*by Robin Wardlaw*)

(*Silent Prayer*)

May the Spirit that spoke so well in Jesus of Nazareth

**find a home in us, loosen our tongues,**

**and set free our hearts to live in Christ's Way. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God revives our soul and sets us free. (*lift open palms*)

God stirs our hearts and brings us joy! (*put hands on heart*)

God enlightens our minds and grants us wisdom. (*hands to head*)

God strengthens us and shines a light on our path. (*arms extended*)

SUNG RESPONSE (sing three times)

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Martha Reynolds

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

FIRST BIBLE READING      Philippians 2: 5-11      (page 210, NT)  
...Tim Laurie, reader

\*\*VOICES UNITED    **143**      *My Song Is Love Unknown*

\*\*GOSPEL BIBLE READING      Luke 19: 28-40      (page 85, NT)  
For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      "A DAY FOR EVERYONE"

SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPONDING IN CARE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *Set Me as a Seal*      B. Nix

\*\*VOICES UNITED    **544**  
**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## REACHING OUT

\*\*VOICES UNITED    **127**      *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*      Tune: 108

\*\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

\*\*SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

SILENCE      *Please remain for a moment of silent reflection*

*As we begin Holy Week, you are invited to view the interactive  
display of Upper Room images in the Roseland Room  
as a continuation of the worship experience*