

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: This is the day that God has made.

**Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**Many: God has given us light.**

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

\*OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #213

PALM SUNDAY INVOCATION (inspired by Psalm 118)

*Lift up your palm branches and wave them overhead each time that you shout "Hosanna!"*

One: Give thanks to God whose steady love endures forever.

**Many: Hosanna! God's love endures forever!**

One: Open the gates of righteousness, and watch God's ways unfold.

**Many: Hosanna! We open our hearts to God!**

One: This is the gate that leads to God's ways. The righteous enter through it.

**Many: Hosanna! We are moving in God's ways!**

One: How great that God answers us, and becomes our source of salvation. Even the rejected and the dejected, the discouraged, the lost, the lonely, the rabble rousers and the good troublemakers—all of us are part of the movement that God is building.

**Many: Hosanna! We celebrate our part to play!**

One: God, we beseech you, give us success this day.

**Many: Hosanna! Save us, we beseech you!**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Many: Hosanna! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.

*Silent personal confession*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close, steady in love and eager to save. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

PASSING THE PEACE

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, it is now,  
and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.*

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 19:28-40*

SERMON *The Way of Celebration*

Pastor Aram Mitchell

HYMN - *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Creator/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kin-dom/Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our**

debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom/Kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Let us return to God a portion of what we have been given.

#### THE MORNING OFFERING

##### \*Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one.*

##### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world.

\*HYMN OF SENDING *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* #215

##### \*BENEDICTION

As we continue through Holy Week, listen for the voice and guidance of Jesus, rather than responding to the shouts of the crowd. Whatever this week brings into your life: God is with you. May you experience the blessings of God today and always.

#### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**We remember in our prayers:** The family of Tom Boudin, Bob Milligan, Grace and Susan Greene, Don Gage, George Greene, the family of Margaret Ellsworth, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, Joe Dee, Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgcomb Green.

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Palm Sunday

*"God is still speaking"*



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