

NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – April 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY

Scripture of the Week – Luke 22:42 ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD!

Prelude

Welcome

CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

KINGDOM TIME

GREETING & PRAISE HYMN

Responsive Greeting –

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

P: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

L: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

P: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna!

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise – “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH #278 vs. 1,2,3

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.

2 From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

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.

OPENING PRAYERS & PRAISE

Gathering Unison Prayer

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord!
Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city,
give us grace to recognize the king we proclaim,
and courage to be a part of your kingdom—
even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world,
even when it leads us where we do not want to go.
Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives
of power and wealth and status,
and embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven! AMEN.

Hymn – “Blessed Be the Name” UMH #63

Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
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Responsive Call to Worship –

L: Let us enter the city with God today,
And sing hosannas to our king,
**P: Let us turn our backs on the powers that tempt, grasp and control,
And open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.**
L: Let us join his parade,
Surrounded by outcasts and prostitutes, the blind and the leper.
**P: Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace,
And walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.**
L: Let us shout for joy at Christ’s coming and join his disciples,
Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.
**P: Let us touch and see as God draws near,
Riding in triumph towards the Cross**

HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson – Luke 22:39-46 - Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”^[a] ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”
[[⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴ In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]]^[b] ⁴⁵ When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”^[c]

Prayer of Illumination

Message – “Gethsemane: Risking Temptation”

RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn – “All Glory, Laud and Honor” UMH #280 vs. 1,3,4**

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

1) You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

3) The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

4) To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Prayers of the People/Invitation for Personal Reflection & Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/ /Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give to the Living Christ ~ Ourselves, Our Love, and Our Gifts

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings: Mail your offering to:

Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

Doxology – CH #814

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

SHARE THE MEAL

Celebrating Congregation Life – Announcements

GO FORTH TO SERVE

Sending Forth Hymn – “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Benediction/Dismissal