

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

GATHERING SONG *Hosanna, Laude, Hosanna*

UMH #278

**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.**

**From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor 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.**

**"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!**



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing glory to God in the highest heaven.

P: The king is coming!

L: Even if we keep silent, the rocks will shout out.

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

OPENING HYMN *All Glory, Laude and Honor*

UMH #280

Refrain:

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

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)**

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)**

OPENING PRAYER (spoken in unison)

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We turn to you this day, knowing that we will not be put to shame. Be at our side when the crowd shouts “Hosanna!” as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Be with us also when the crowd turns, as those who loved Him fell away. This is our story. Be with us in the telling, that we may walk with Jesus once more on the long journey to Holy Week. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (spoken in unison)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. By Your grace help us, for trouble is never far away. We cannot see or hear clearly. Our bodies waste away from grief and sorrow. Our strength fails us. Our misery is more than we can bear. Yet, even in the depth of our despair, Lord, we place our trust in You. You are our God, our very help in times of trouble. Let Your face shine upon us and save us in Your unfailing and steadfast love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All who call on the name of the Lord are answered. There is nothing to fear. The Lord stands beside you to help. God’s steadfast love endures forever. This is the day the Lord has made. Rejoice!

P: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tom King, Guitarist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (spoken in 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tom King, Guitarist

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Walking with Confidence”

Rev. Richard Baker

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

UMH #286

**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!**

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

**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 to thee.**

BENEDICTION

L: On a donkey,

P: Jesus came to bless us.

L: With love in His heart,

P: Jesus came to save us.

L: From the power of death,

P: Jesus came to free us.

L: Go with the blessing of God's anointed.

P: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

UMH #290

**Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise.**