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Worship Celebration

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 + 9 AM

Back to Basics

**Reconciling
with Others**



Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Berea!

As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The United Methodist Church of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, in our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation, **we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Words of Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude - *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, BWV 639

Johann Sebastian Bach

+ **Mark 11.1-11** (NRSVUE)

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

+ **Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vv. 1, 4-5)

UMH 280

+ Call to Worship

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

***We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.***

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

***We wave palm branches in anticipation;
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk***

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Written by Thom Shuman and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](http://www.lectionaryliturgies.com) blog. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/contemporary-call-to-worship-palm.html>.

Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection - *By Your Grace*

Josh Kraybill

Choir Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

Philippians 2.5-11 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Christ, though in the image of God,
did not deem equality with God something to be clung to—
but instead became completely empty
and took on the image of oppressed humankind:
born into the human condition,
found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus was thus humbled—obediently accepting death,
even death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted Christ
and gave to Jesus the name that is above every other name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God!

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon - *Reconciling with Others: A Path to Peace* Rev. Carrie Antczak

+ Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

UMH 884

We believe in the one God,

***creator and sustainer of all things, Father of Nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.***

We believe in Jesus Christ,

God manifest in the flesh,

our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

God present with us for guidance,

for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins,

in the life of love and prayer,

and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God

contained in the Old and New Testaments

as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church,

those who are united in the living Lord

for the purpose of worship and service.

***We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness,
and in the life everlasting. Amen.***

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Opportunities for Ministry and Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Bell Choir Anthem *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Kevin McChesney

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. In love, you remain steadfast.

In love, you invite us to prepare our hearts and lives
for the Easter feast,

that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments

and faithful in works of justice and mercy,
we may participate with the fulness of your grace
toward the renewal of your whole world.

And so, with the communion of your creation

and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to heal the whole world.
Christ became completely empty

and took on the image of oppressed humankind.

Born into the human condition, Jesus was humbled,
accepting even death on a cross.

By the baptism of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection,
you give birth to your church,

deliver us from slavery to sin and death,
and make with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to the disciples, and said:

***"Receive, eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me."***

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup,
again gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

***"Receive this, all of you; this is the new covenant,
freedom for all from sin. Do this to remember me."***

And so, in remembrance of these

and all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves now 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.

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 your love.***

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to the world,
until Christ comes in final glory,
and we feast together at your table.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn *One Bread, One Body* UMH 620

Hymn *O Depth of Love Divine* UMH 627

Prayer following Communion

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.***

***Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,***

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Mark 15.39-47 (NRSVUE)

³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹ who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the

kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

+ **Hymn**

We Sang Our Glad Hosannas (vv. 1-4)

TFWS 2111

+ **Benediction** - *A Week Where Transformation Will Meet You*

And now, my friends, go forth

To a week where transformation

Will meet you and guide you.

Do not hide when they recognize you,

Do not doubt when you see Christ,

Do not deny when you are confronted.

Do not stop until you are at the cross

And there you will see the light

And the burdens of your heart will roll away.

Until then God be with you! Amen.

*Written by B. Kevin Smalls, The Africana Worship Book,
Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 215.*

Postlude - *Menuet from "Suite Gothique"*

Leon Böellmann

Our service of worship is ended.

Our worship through service now begins.