

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
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*Please stand if comfortably able
and respond with words in bold print

“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA” video

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

THE BELL IS RUNG ;

PRELUDE: “The Palms” Lani Smith

PENNIES FOR MISSION:

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

(inspired by Isaiah 50:4-9a)

One: Come. Come seeking words.

MANY: Come to let your tongue give praise.

One: Come. Come to find your voice.

MANY: Come to hear the response.

One: Come. Come to open your ears.

MANY: Come to listen.

One: Come. Come to be healed by the silence.

MANY: Come to stand together.

One: Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe.

All: Come to find God.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

One: Come. Come O Holy One.

Come through the streets.

Come into the house.

Come to find a space beside us at the table.

Come to challenge our answers about

MANY: Why tragedy comes

Why poverty increases

Why we are afraid.

One: Come O Holy One. Speak to us in the silence

MANY: With wisdom greater than ours

With love deeper than ours

With change wider than ours.

SILENCE

One: Come O Holy One. Fill in these stories with your wisdom with your love with your change so that we might rely on your answers. Here and now. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: 214 "Filled with Excitement"**

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

O Holy One, speak to us. Fill our silences. Comfort us with your love so that we may find your understanding. Trust us to find your answers when we finally tire from our own. Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

***GLORIA:**

Glory to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near. As it was from the start so it shall be forever, One God always here. (repeat two more times.)
(end) One God always here. One God always here.

THE PALM PARADE: MARK 11:1-11

MANY: Come. Join in the parade, you who need answers, you who came looking for peace. Join the crowds who have come looking for answers, looking for peace.

THE ANOINTING: Mark 14:1-9

MANY: Come. Kneel beside her.

Do not speak but remember what your hands have done to proclaim the good news.

SILENCE

THE GARDEN: Mark 14:32-40

MANY: Come. Rest in the garden, you who are weary, you who don't have any answers.

HYMN: 486 "I Must Tell Jesus"

THE BETRAYAL: Mark 14:43-50

MANY: Come. Run into your fears, you who need answers, you who came looking for peace.

SILENCE

THE ARREST: Mark 14:53-65

MANY: Come. Listen to what God might be saying. Listen to what God might be doing that doesn't fit with everything that you have been taught about this world. Listen for God to speak.

SILENCE

THE DENIAL: Mark 14:66-72

MANY: *Come. Join those who wander through courtyards, court rooms, streets and gardens.*

HYMN: 490 "I Want Jesus to Go with Me"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

OFFERTORY: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:**

OUR LORD'S PRAYER:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** 219 "Journey to Gethsemane"

***BENEDICTION:**

One: Go into the world to find your voice.

All: **Listening to what God will do.**

One: Go into the world to find each other.

All: Reaching out when we need support.

One: Go into the world be amazed.

All: Knowing that God is always with us.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

THE BELL IS RUNG:

POSTLUDE: "March Triumphant into Jerusalem" Robert W. Thygerson

PRAYER LIST: Becky Ballard, Roger Ballard, Mary Lou and Urban Baum, Ronald Bopp, Nikki Chatman, Geralyn Gammon, Russ Hartman, Lynn Knecht, Marilyn Paul, Pam and Syd Safriet, Yvonne Weber, our beloved country.