

Jordan Station United Church
Sunday, March 28, 2021
11:00am Worship Service – YouTube LIVE
Palm Sunday, Peace March
Liturgical Colour - Purple

Prelude: Goodness of God (By Design)

TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Approach

Loving God – there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves, and our neighbours; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Voices United #123)

Call to Worship

One: “Tell them that I need it,” says the Christ. I need humble ones to carry my life to bring hope to the people. Who will carry the love of Christ today?

All: We will carry the love of Christ.

One: Who will bring hope to the people?

All: We will be the hope for the people.

One: Stay beside me now as I travel, for tomorrow the way may not be so welcoming.

All: Jesus the Christ refused to give up on love and love never gives up on us. A new day is before us as we face it together as forgiven, blessed and loved.

Hymn for the Youth: He Comes Riding, Riding into Town

TO PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD...

Prayer of Illumination

Both passages from the Old and New Testament speak of a King who brings life to the world; a king like no other who brings freedom, hope, love and joy. Holy One: open these scriptures to our minds, own hearts and our lives. AMEN

First Reading: Zachariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God for the Word

Responsive Reading of Luke 19:28-46

One: ²⁸⁻³¹ Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘His Master needs him.’”

All: ³²⁻³³ **The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said, “What are you doing untying the colt?”** ³⁴ **They said, “His Master needs him.”**

One: ³⁵⁻³⁶ They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street.³⁷⁻³⁸ Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

**All: Blessed is he who comes, the king in God’s name!
All’s well in heaven! Glory in the high places!**

One: Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!”

All: ⁴⁰ **But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.”**

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One: ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ Going into the Temple he began to throw out everyone who had set up shop, selling everything and anything. He said, "It's written in Scripture,

All: My house is a house of prayer; You have turned it into a religious bazaar."

One: Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God for the Word

Sermon: PEACE MARCH (from We Make the Road by Walking)

Hymn: What a Beautiful Name it Is (By Design)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

(Voices United #127)

Commission and Benediction – Sending Forth into the World

Postlude: Grace Greater Than Our Sin

(Arranged by: L. Shackley)

