

**\* Lenten Congregational Response**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Lowell Mason. Public Domain.

**Postlude**

*The Palms*

Jean-Baptiste Fauré

**Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.**

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Constance Uejio, organ

*Today's flowers have been lovingly arranged by our guest floral designer, **Debbie Jarret Holt**,  
with assistance from **Lamela Holt Battley** and **Susie Field**.  
They have been given in loving memory of **Venus G. Holt**.*

**WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?**

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is celebrated one week before Easter Sunday and marks the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, an event that is recorded in all four Gospels. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, while the crowds waved branches and shouted "Hosanna!", which was an exclamation of praise. Palm branches were widely associated with victory and triumph during the time in which Jesus lived. People also laid their cloaks on the ground, a sign of respect and honor for someone of great importance. Palm Sunday is a time for Christians to reflect on their faith and to prepare themselves for the solemnity of Holy Week, which culminates in the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus.

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# CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

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**MARCH 24, 2024**

**7 AM SERVICE**

ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Prelude

Prayer

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS...

*From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray

Sharing Aloha

Rev. Sinnaduray

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Rev. Sinnaduray

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

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

One: 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.

Many: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

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

Many: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

\* Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One;  
To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!

\* Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)*

The Rev. Mary Herbig

Holy God, you have fed us all out of your own generous and gracious hands. From them, we have received welcome, nourishment, hope, and consolation. May these things grow in us, alongside the gift of faith, so that we may plant their seeds in the world around us. Through the Holy Spirit, guide us in the week ahead to remember our place in your great and on-going story of resurrection, redemption, and restoration through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for the Day

Voluntary

Lucien H. Southard

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD...

Scripture

Mark 11:1-11

Veronica Cheung

Sermon

AND SO IT BEGINS

Rev. Sinnaduray

\* Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 203

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

Rev. Herbig

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE.

*God’s love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary.  
Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods, and communities.*

\* Closing Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
Thy humble beast pursues his road With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin O’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, thy power, and reign.

\* Benediction

Rev. Sinnaduray