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MARCH 28, 2021 ***PALM/PASSION SUNDAY***



Palm Sunday is not just Palm Sunday; it is more properly Palm/Passion Sunday. That slash is important. It is a reminder that there is risk involved in taking the side of the marginalized. There is danger in trying to upset the status quo. And just when you think you've won your point and gathered your crowd, you discover you are alone again.

** Please stand in either body or spirit*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jackie

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Cheatham

Let us worship the Lord — not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use. We are Christ's servants and may we be of the same mind.

All: We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Praise be unto God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Tom Cheatham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tom Cheatham

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around — to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be — not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need — Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

MORNING MESSAGE	<i>The One Who Comes</i>	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 14:1-25</i>	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
HYMN	<i>Eat This Bread</i>	<i>UMH 628</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 14:26-50</i>	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
MUSIC	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 14:53-15:5</i>	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
MUSIC	<i>He Never Said a Mumblin' Word</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 15:6-41</i>	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
HYMN	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	<i>UMH 298</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 15:42-47</i>	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
*SENDING HYMN	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	<i>UMH 301</i>

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Worship Leaders

Rev. Jackie Freeman

<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Music Leader</i>
Tom Cheatham	Volunteers	Rev. Wanda Ritchea Sarah Ritchea

Financial Information February 2021

Revenues: \$8,360.74	Expenditures: \$9,077.38
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