

Trinity United Methodist Church

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***Holy Communion:** UMH# p.13

Music During Communion: "One Bread, One Body" UMH# 620

***Hymn:** "The King of Glory Comes" TFWS# 2091

Benediction

Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN set J. G. Walther

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Acolytes: Felix Everett, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Altar Guild: Phyllis & Chad Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee & volunteers

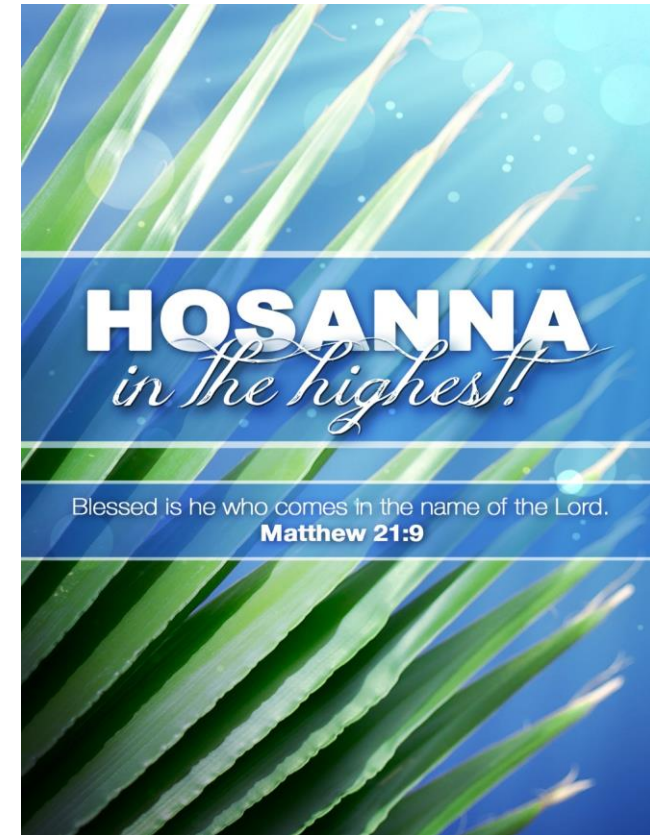
Liturgist: Rev. Leslie Hastings

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), Marilyn Campagnari, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Courtney H (Sheila W's daughter), Blair J (Brenda L's grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Marie & Richard P (friends of Beverly B), Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), our service men, women and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die.”

-- Richard Rohr

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT TO WORSHIP

** Those who are able are invited to stand. * Items in bold are read in unison.*

We are invited to observe silence during the prelude. Please turn off cell phones.

If you have a prayer request, please write it on a “Prayer Card” found in the card rack, and place it in the offering plate.

All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude:

“Palm Sunday Glory”

S. E. Rogers

Trinity Youth Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

(Kids and youth are invited to go to the back of the Sanctuary and participate in the palm processional.)

Introit:

Ride On, King Jesus!

*Call to Worship:

One: As you come to us in humility, a king riding on a colt,

Many: so come to us now, in this place of quiet sanctuary.

One: As those praised you then as King and Lord,

Many: so will we praise you as we seek to offer you our faithful worship.

*Hymn:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH# 278

*Prayer of Confession:

We were there, O Lord. We were right there with them—praising you and spreading before you our garments and leaves. We were there with them and for the same reason. We want you to be everything we want you to be. We want you to be the answer to our every question, the solution to our every problem, the warrior against our every enemy. We praise you because we convince ourselves you are everything we want you to be. But we were not there, not when you needed us. Like the crowd, when we found out you had your own idea about who you were, and you had your own ideas about how we were to conduct our lives, we left you and went in search of someone who would give us what we want. Forgive us for our selfishness. Meet us there, in our selfishness, even as you met that earlier crowd. Work to bring us around in your way of seeing you. Give us your words, your dreams, your mission. In our better moments we know that what you think is really important, and the way you lead us is the right way to follow. Grant us courage to act on what we know is true about you. Amen.

*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, receive the love that never dies and never fails. **Amen.**

Special Music:

“Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!”

M. Hayes

*Passing the Peace of Christ

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

*Hymn:

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

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(No Bible Story Time or Chapel Kids on Communion Sunday.)

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21: 1-11

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Response to the Word:

One: The word of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“Palm Sunday”

Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. **Amen.**

Offertory:

“And Can It Be?”

D. Forrest