

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.

CRAIG HINK

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we gather again to celebrate, honor and worship God.

People: We come from the north and from the south, from the east and from the west, and rejoice together as a community.

Leader: We follow the triumphal entrance of the palms and the announcement that Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem. We plan our celebration of the rise of the King of Kings.

People: We sing hosanna and hallelujah, with the voices of our ancestors, celebrating the arrival of the Christ.

Leader: Hosanna in the highest! Jesus is King, God has come to save us all.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Jesus has come to set us free and claim his rightful place as king!

All: May God bless us all, each and every one of us, this beautiful day! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Holy and Wonderful God, we celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem with the waving of palms and songs of adoration and excitement. And we know that today is a day of mixed emotions. We feel the urgency and energy of your Spirit, willing us to celebrate and pushing us to fully live the whole range of emotions that fall on this day. In the richness of tradition and with your blessing, we welcome the shouts of joy and the celebration. Bless us and honor us with your presence this morning. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Assurance**

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, loved you then, loves you now, and will love you again. Our sins are forgiven and washed clean and we are once again brought closer to our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***Sign of Peace and Words of Welcome**

Please extend a word of welcome, warmth and friendship to those seated near you.

