

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**April 5, 2020**  
***Palm Sunday***  
**11:00am**  
***St. John's United Methodist Church***

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Gathering Music Jim Ahrend

Welcome Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

Prelude Jim Ahrend

Proclamation of the Entry Into Jerusalem Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley  
Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

- 1) **Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang!  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**
- 2) **From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**
- 3) **"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

Affirmation of Faith UMH 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
    who has created and is creating,  
    who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
        to reconcile and make new,  
    who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
    to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance

Rev. Kelly Giese

Invitation to Give

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

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You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

Shea Perry

**“Laudate Dominum”  
W.A. Mozart**

*Praise the Lord, all ye peoples, for his lovingkindness has been bestowed  
upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity. (Psalm 117)*

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Matthew Greer

Hymn

**“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”**

UMH 277

- 1) Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**
- 2) First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**
- 3) Into the city I'd follow the children band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”**

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kelly Giese

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:29-33

Matthew Greer

Message

“The Parable of the Fig Tree”

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Kelly Giese

Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

UMH 301

- 1) **Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
free to all a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**
- 2) **Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**
- 3) **Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**
- 4) **Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

Postlude

Jim Ahrend

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*Dear St. John's UMC,*

*My family and I would like to thank the faith community of St. John's UMC for all you did for my Mom, Adelaide Tucker. She passed peacefully in her sleep on March 15. St. John's proved the true value of a church family. A special thanks to all of the Women's circles. You truly do exemplify what it means to be a Christian.*

*In Christian love, John Tucker and family*