St. John's Ivyland
A United Methodist Congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 13, 2025
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude
Introit (Bell Choir) – "Let Sweet Hosannas Ring"

Welcome and Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem – Luke 19:28-40

Anthem – "Raise the Wave of Praise"

Hymn of Praise – "All Glory, Laud and Honor" v 1-4 (UMH #280)
All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

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 psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

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.

Call to Worship:
Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord,
People: For God will lift up those who are humble.
Pastor: The call of Christ points us toward the cross.
People: Following Christ requires sacrifice and self-denial.
Pastor: Come, let us walk in the ways of Lord,
People: Let us leave behind the world's ways and worship Christ.

Prayer
Almighty God,
We praise you and thank you for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
As we enter into this Holy Week,
strengthen us to follow Jesus beyond the festive parade of palms,
and into the way of the cross.
May the Holy Spirit cleanse and prepare us,
so that as we are united with Christ we may share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of resurrection.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith
I believe in the Christ, who entered Jerusalem in triumph, who is also the same Christ who died on Calvary. I believe in the God who speaks in fire and storm, who is also the God of the still, small voice. I believe in the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost, who is also the Spirit that guides my life. I believe that being a Christian involves more than coming to worship and being "nice"; I believe it means being faithful at home, in leisure times, and in school or business.

I believe that many of the triumphs of Christ are small, even unnoticed, and occur in the lives and decisions of people whose names will never appear in the newspaper. And I believe I am called to live out my belief in

love and justice for others each and every day. For Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and justice, established now and reigning forever. Amen.

Anthem – "The Palms"
Kyle Hansel, Soloist (9am)
Brian File, Soloist (10:30am)

Anthem – "Hosanna To The King"

Hymn – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" v1,3 (UMH #278 – sing as choirs are being seated)

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.

"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!

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Pastoral Prayer

The Peace

Offering / Offertory – Celebration Ringers **–** "Hosanna"

Doxology - "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #95)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host.
Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Hymn – "What Wondrous Love is This?" v.2,3 (UMH #292)
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing.

Meditation

Reading of the Passion – Selected verses from Luke 23

Hymn – "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (UMH #297)
Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

Anthem – "Blessed One, Messiah"

Benediction

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Pastor: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!
People: Because even if we were silent, the stones themselves would have called out.
Pastor: We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,
People: and then it changed completely.
Pastor: We have walked with another crowd.
People: One that called words of scorn and condemnation.
Pastor: And now we follow this crowd as it leads out to the cross. Yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.
People: Because God is with us, and God will be with us.
Pastor: Go forth in peace; in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: **Roy Nelson**
Scripture Reader: **Terry O'Leary**

The Acolytes: **Adalyn Horton and Vivian Scarlett**

Readers during the Passion reading:
Pastor Ruth
Amy Cons
Lynne Tomlinson
Rev. Brad Leight

St. John's Staff

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