

***“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!”***

***John 12:13***



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***Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:  
Look under “Updates” on our site to join online  
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted  
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).  
When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.  
On the phone, dial \*6 to mute or unmute yourself.  
If asked for a password, enter 3410.***

## ***Service for the Lord's Day***

### ***Words of Welcome & Announcements***

***See Instructions on palm leaf attachment below***

### **Call to Worship**

One: Here, we prepare ourselves for the week that is holy, yet filled with unholy acts, words, thoughts.

**Many: In this week of journey, people lose their way; in this week of betrayal, others find hope hidden in their hearts.**

One: We will try to follow Jesus in the days to come, sustained by the Word of grace and life.

**Many: Joining the children, we wave palm branches with joy, while keeping nails ready if we need them.**

One: The One who set aside glory, comes in humility; the One who offers life, will challenge death itself.

**Many: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who opens the heart of God to us.**

***Hymn #88            "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"***

### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Steadfast Lover: when things go well for us, we can easily sing loud hosannas, but the words turn to ashes in mouths full of anger and bitterness. We hide behind our palm branches, hoping you will not see the doubts we have about what you call us to do. We eagerly feast on your blessings but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those around us.**

**Forgive us, Approaching God. Now, more than ever, forgive us. May we be as eager to lay down our fears and doubts, our sins and pride, as we are to lay down our coats for you. May we praise you for your victory over death, as well as for the promise of resurrection to new life, the promise given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. You give us your commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old choices. Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us, but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world.**

**Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be refined by your grace; may every deed be inspired by your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of your work in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen**

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

***Response            "Gloria Patri"***

### ***Passing the Peace***

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: and also, with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

### ***Prayer of Illumination***

Illuminating God, today, you march into Jerusalem to save us. Guide us, through the wisdom of your Spirit, that we might see what you are calling us to see, to know what you are calling us to know, and to feel what you are calling us to feel, that we may respond to your Gospel call of grace with gladsome hearts and minds. Amen

**Scripture:** (OT) Zechariah 9:9  
(NT) Mark 11:1-10.

**Sermon:** Lisa Schoonover, Commissioned Pastor

**Hymn #89** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**Affirmation of Faith** *the Apostles' Creed*

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Offering** Checks may be mailed to the church or donate online.

**Response of Praise** "Doxology"

**Prayer of Dedication:**

We could offer nails made of rejection to others, help us share in their lives. We could wave the hurting and homeless away, help us to welcome them with love and hope. We could keep our gifts stuffed deep in our pockets, help us to give away more than we ever dare. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #91** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

**Charge and Benediction**

Please color this or let your children or grandchildren color it for you. Enjoy!

