



Sunset United Church

April 10, 2022 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Full to the Brim: Even the Stones Cry Out



*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words *Even the Stones Will Cry Out*

Hymn VU#128 Sanna, Sannanina¹

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship²

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

It is holy to be generous,

To throw our coats on the road.

It is holy to celebrate justice

When we see it.

It is holy to shout “hosanna!”

It is holy to remember.

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

Here and now,

Let us do all these things.

Hymn VU#376 Spirit of the Living God³

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:**

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of street parades and hosannas,

We know that you are counting on us to

speak out against oppression,

To speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

but so often we are silent.

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

So we don't say anything at all.

We worry that we'll offend,

So we keep our convictions to ourselves.

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,

So we stay silent.

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.

Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"

Gratefully, we pray. Amen.

-Silent prayer-

Words of Assurance

Friends in Faith,
Even when we are silent
Even when we are scared,
Even when we miss the moment,
Even when we choose to speak
And say the wrong thing -
We belong to God.
There is nothing said or unsaid,
Done or undone that can undo that,
So rest in this good news:

We are forgiven.

We are known.

We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

Sung Response MV#90 Don't Be Afraid⁴

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than
your fear.**

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised,
promised to be always near.**

Sharing the Story

Hymn VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey⁵

**He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.**

But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.

Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
“Hosannas” filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.

In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God’s Messiah, Christ the Lord.

Blessing the Offering

Special Music One Thousand Hosannas
Words by John Parker
Music by Joel Raney

WE LISTEN

Scripture Luke 19:28-40

Hymn VU#126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right⁶

Ride on, ride on, the time is right;
the roadside crowds scream with delight;
palm branches mark the pilgrim way
where beggars squat and children play.

Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
intrigue and rumour circulate;
new lies abound in word and jest,
and truth becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware
that those who shout and wave and stare
are mortals who, with common breath,
can crave for life and lust for death.

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,
though voiceless now and deaf to jeers.
Your path is clear, though few can tell
their garments pave the road to hell.

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.
Justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angel voices rhyme:
you are the man and this the time.

Scripture Luke 22:14-30

Reflection The Hotel Manager⁷

Hymn MV#148 Jesus, Remember Me⁸

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture Luke 22:39-62

Reflection The Waiter

Hymn MV#148 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture Luke 23:1-25

Reflection Pilate's Wife

Hymn MV#148 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture Luke 23:26-49

Reflection The Herbalist

Prayer

Hymn VU#147 What Wondrous Love Is This⁹

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 bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

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.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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