



Sunset United Church

April 14th, 2019–Palm/Passion Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introduction

Hymn: VU#121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery,
(Verse 5) *

Our Journey Begins

Invitation to the Journey:

We have been together now,
On a journey that has brought us a long way.
We began in a desert,
Tempted by many things,
And it has been a hard road.

**We were tempted to go back home
When things got too tough,
But we stuck it out,
For we saw that God was with us.**

When we were hungry, we doubted God.
We doubted the reason for our journey
And we doubted that we would be fed.

**But we have been fed;
We have been fed with milk and honey.
We have also been fed with love and acceptance.**

Now, we are nearly there.
Jerusalem is within our sights.
The time has come, the time is now;
We must continue the journey,
No matter where it takes us.

**For God is with us
And God is leading us onward.**

A Traveler's Prayer

**God of weary travelers,
We are tired from these many weeks
Of journeying through Lent,
And yet you call us forward
And urge us to trek farther down the road.
We wonder what lies ahead.
We worry about the future,
But you have made a covenant with us,
And so we know that we are never alone.
Reveal yourself to us.
Accompany and strengthen us for what lies ahead.
Amen.**

Anthem: Sing Hosanna! Sannanina

The Story of the Parade: Luke 19: 28-40

Hymn & Palm Parade: VU#124 He Came Riding on a
Donkey **

Food for Our Journey

Invitation to the Feast

The Offering

Communion Hymn: VU#460 All Who Hunger ***

Offering Collection

Offertory (Tune: FRANCONIA VU#542)

These Lenten gifts we bring
Our living faith express,
We offer them most lovingly,
And thus our hearts are blessed.

O loving God, receive
These gifts we gladly give
That show our faith and hope and trust:
Your way we seek to live.

Offering Prayer

Loving and gracious God,
Bless these gifts we bring,
Our treasure and this food,
That all might be used to build
Your way of love in the world.
Bless us as we use them,
That we might be bearers of your love.
Amen.

The Story of the Feast: Luke 22: 7-20

Blessing the Feast

Loving God,

Thank you for being with us.

Thank you all that you have given us:

Friendship and love,

Food and warm clothing,

Promise and hope.

We are thankful...

Sharing the feast

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, O God,

That our story is a part of your story.

We are blessed by the meal

We have shared.

May we be strengthened for the road

As you lead us ever onward. Amen.

Our Journey Continues

Invitation to find your place

The Story:

The disciples debate - Luke 22: 21-38

The betrayal - Luke 22: 39-42, 45-46

Anthem: Wait With Me

The denial - Luke 22: 54-65

The trial and sentencing - Luke 22: 66-23:25

Reflection

Hymn: VU#134 Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold ****

We Look Down the Road

Prayer for Strength

God of the journey,

Travel with us this week

As we re-hear and live into Jesus' story.

Be with us as we consider our place in the story,

And strengthen us to be justice seekers.

Turn us into builders of your kingdom of love,

And bearers of peace in your name.

Amen.

Hymn: VU#133 Go to Dark Gethsemane <<

Benediction

Leaving Hymn: VU#148 Jesus, Remember Me <<<<

Postlude



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Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday – 6:00 pm
(Potluck supper with Communion)

Friday, April 19

Good Friday – 10:30 am
at Wesley United Church

Saturday, April 20

Jesus Christ Superstar viewing 1:30 pm
(Bring pillow, drink & bowl for popcorn)

Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service – 6:00 am
(Followed by potluck breakfast)

Easter Worship service – 10:30 am

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at
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