



March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* *American Hymn Tune*
Jennie Coleman, Karan Dewar, Pat Heise and Sylvia Stebbins, Handbells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CANDLE LIGHTING *Rev. Elissa Johnk*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION** *Paul and Michelle Hobbs*

Leader: Jesus asked all who sought to follow, "What are you looking for?"
And the crowd called out:

All: The one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Jesus asks us what we are looking for, and from all our homes,
we acknowledge we are looking for the same...

All: We are looking for a Savior.

Leader: We gather in worship this morning to lay our prayers, and our praise at Jesus' feet.

All: We gather to meet our God.

Leader: And when Jesus asks us what we are looking for, we'll be ready.

Leader: Friends, Jesus asks us what we are looking for, and you are invited to name it now,
silently or out loud, in the comfort of your homes:

[Silent or Out-Loud Prayer Requests]

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Living God, we pray to you our "Hosannas" – all the ways we ask you to save us in this time. Like our gratitude, like our lives, we set them down before you in this time of worship, asking that you might transform us, that we might be living examples of your truth in this world just waiting to be made new. Amen.

***HYMN** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* *NCH 216*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:39-41* *The Jorgenson Family*

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES *Hilah Clarke*

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
The Hobbs Family Brass

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives, and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.

MEDITATION

Rev. Elissa Johnk

* HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

NCH 213

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Were You There, When They Crucified My Lord
Emma Barker and Ana Ruesink, strings

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Hannah Sachs

OFFERTORY

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* 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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending Forth

* CLOSING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

NCH 223

* **BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**Please stand as you are able.*