

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018



Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*As you enter the sanctuary today, please be sure to take a candle and plastic holder.
These will be lit at the end of today's worship service. You can return them where you receive them.*

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, accompanist

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Duncan, worship leader

Leader: Though we have known hardship and pain,
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,
Together we join in saying:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Though life becomes more complex,
the deepest questions remain unanswered,
and the mystery of faith deepens, together we join in saying:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: And though the pain of the world
often seems more than we can bear or address,
together we join in saying:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*PALM PROCESSIONAL # 237

All glory, laud, and honor

Children are invited to join the adult choir in processing in with palm branches and paper cranes.
This will take the place of our usual time with children.

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

SCRIPTURE WITH SUNG RESPONSE

Mark 11:1-11
Philippians 2:5-11 (Hymnal #855)

SERMON

Getting off our high horse

Ride on, ride on, in majesty

Ride on, King Je - sus! Come this way from
Ride on, King Je - sus! Look! He's here to
Ride on, King Je - sus! Wel - come now! though
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

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O - li - vet to where we stay. We'll
show us that our God is near. If
soon the bran - ches God pierce your brow. Oh,
God all peo - ple here your be - low. Praise

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wave our bran - ches, shout our praise and
we are si - lent, stones cry out! We'll
Zi - on's daugh - ter, leave your fear, for
God, you heav'ns for - ev - er more. Praise

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learn the les - sons of these days.
praise him, and "Ho - san - na" shout.
life from death will and soon ap - pear.
God and Son and Coun - se - lor.

Alternate verses to HWB #239, "Ride on, ride on, in majesty"
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WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.

ENTERING HOLY WEEK

RECEIVING AND SPREADING LIGHT

As the choir sings *From ashes to the living fount*, and as we reflect on the looming shadows facing us, we will receive and spread light. Once you receive light, hold your candle upright for the person next to you to dip into.

HYMN #78 SS

Lord Jesus, as the shadows long

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER



Attention children in K - 5th grade! After the congregation is dismissed, please head to the WorshipArts (Room 114). WorshipArts is a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*Please stand in body and/ or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

**Inspired by Psalm 118, written by Ann Siddall. Posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre. <http://stillpoint.unitingchurchsa.org.au/>

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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