

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr. Linda Lamb
Alleluia Ringers

WORDS OF WELCOME & WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, Who had blessed them, close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)

Leader: *We place at the cross today the palm branches that welcomed Jesus as He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. The people loudly shouting, "Hosanna!" expected to be saved by a conquering hero. Palm Sunday reminds us of our self-centered expectations.*

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess our misguided, impatient expectations. We expect You to deliver us from suffering. We expect You to bless our materialism. We expect You to destroy our enemies. Help us say "No" to our self-centered, unholy expectations. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

Leader: *Palm Sunday is about worship. We worship the One most holy. We worship the One for Whom we are willing to die.*

People: **Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that, although we worshiped You on Sunday, we denied You on Friday. Like Peter we promised to die for You; You have died for us. Help us say "No" to worship without sacrifice. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

Leader: *Palm Sunday is about worship. But the people turned the triumphal entry into a political parade.*

People: **Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that the heroes we most admire ride in chariots pulled by white horses. We confess that we don't want to follow leaders who empty themselves of power, and ride on donkeys. Help us say "No" to "might making right." Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

Leader: *Palm Sunday is about worship. But we follow Jesus, hoping for positions of power on His right and on His left.*

People: **Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that we want Your power without accepting the cup of suffering that You drank, without the obedience to the point of death. We want Your Kingdom to come, but we fear it will cost us too much. Help us say "No" to our weak disobedience. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.**

All: **Almighty God, we confess that we love parades of power; Your parade was humble. We confess that we worship conquering heroes; You were conquered. We confess that we grasp whatever advantage we can get; You emptied Yourself for us. In Jesus Christ You have brought us mercy! Teach us to be merciful to one another. Burn our palm branches into ash; help us take up our cross daily and follow You. Now hear us as we silently lift up our personal prayers of confession.**

FAMILY TIME

ANTHEM "Everyone Sing to the King!" David Lantz III
Alleluia Ringers and Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 42:5-9 Robin Daniels

SERMON **UPSIDE DOWN** Louis Imsande
#6: Moving From Missouri **Mark 8:22-26**

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" arr. Linda Lamb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. Refrain
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** "Fanfare on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. V. Collinsworth

**Please rise in body or in spirit*