



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY APRIL 10

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

Processional *Palm Sunday Processional* Daniel Greig / arr. Jon Paige

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Opening Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278

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

2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

3. "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!

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community

*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—
Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession, a community celebrating together.

The same vision is offered to us today:

**We can welcome Christ into our lives;
We can celebrate his transforming power.**

How swiftly things changed back then,
How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—

Peace from the practice of justice, equality from the practice of respect.

As this week unfolds,

**We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love
We will pour it back out into the world.**

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Scripture *Luke 19:28-40* Linda Grossman

*Hymn *At the Name of Jesus* UMH 168

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

3. Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Sermon Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer Pamela Cutkosky

Triumphant God, we echo the shouts of "Hosanna!" as we relive the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and all that waits in the week to come. Like that first parade so long ago, we may have different ideas of what kind of a messiah we long to welcome. Many of us seek one who thinks like we think, who will wield power to meet our longings. As we give our gifts this morning, may we be of the heart and mind of submission. You know better than us the messiah that is needed for your kingdom to come on earth, as it is in heaven. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Prelude on "Wondrous Love"* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

*Doxology

*Closing Hymn *All Glory, Loud, and Honor* UMH 280

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

*Benediction Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Altar flowers are given by Sandra Wilson and Brian Steen to the glory of God and in honor of our parents, Frank & Marjorie Reitz and Lowell & Alma Steen.