

*Scripture Mark 11:1-11 Sarah Joy Espinoza-Evans

Message, part I Jerusalem Reverend Burke Owens

SHADOWS, PART II

*They Took My Lord Away
In Darkness Do I Wander*

Message, part II Reverend Burke Owens

SHADOWS, PART III

*Kyrie
Who Could Have Imagined?
But Morning Never Came* *Into God's hands
Ah, Holy Jesus*

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

SHADOWS ORCHESTRA

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| Flute
Mimi Carlson | Viola
Stephen Moore |
| Oboe
Julianne Stafford | Cello
Thomas Shoebbotham |
| French Horn
Diane Ryan | Bass
John Whitecar |
| Violin 1
Alan Cooper | Harp (synthesizer)
Nancy Whitecar |
| Violin 2
Florence Wong | Organ
Diane Keller |

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John B. Kumer by Carol Kumer.

Senior Pastor: Reverend Burke Owens
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Director of Music: Mark Shaul
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday

**SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024
10:45 AM SERVICE**



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

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

Introit *Hosanna to the King* Dan Forrest

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
 we will travel through betrayal and death,
 cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
 for he is the life we long for,
 he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation;
 we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
 modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*Hymn *All Glory, Laud, 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]

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

*Lord's Prayer

Reverend Burke Owens

**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.**

*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.

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!

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.

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

**Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your
 altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on
 the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were
 looking for a Messiah who was different from whom you sent Jesus to be
 – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in
 compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we
 might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you
 know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we
 pray. Amen.**

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

SHADOWS, PART I
DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

Oh Holy Jesus
It is I, Lord