



# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

We Welcome You on this Palm Sunday

Service of the Word – March 28, 2021

9:30 AM

## The Gathering

*“Lord, we lift up your name. With hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God! Hosanna O Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!”*  
*Carl Tuttle*

**Ringing of the Bell**  
**Our Life Together**  
**The Solemn Declaration**  
**Prelude**

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs

**All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Organ/Piano Duet**

**“The Holy City”**

Audrey Bingaman and Donna Sauers

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Holy God, in the midst of the loud “Hosannas!”,  
as the waving palm leaves rustle in unison,  
quiet our pre-conceived notions...  
and hush our sure grasp of your truth...  
so that we may, perhaps, discover something  
about your vision...your hope...your purpose for our life...  
that changes the way we think, act, and do. Amen.**

**Blessing of the Palms**

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

**Call to Confession**

### Confession of Sin

**Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world. Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbors, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet.**

*(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The bad news is...no matter what you do or don't do,  
these lush, shiny, green palm leaves  
are going to eventually wither, dry, and turn brown.

But the good news is...no matter what you do or don't do,  
The tireless, relentless, limitless love of God  
Always remains, unshakably, the same.

**All: So, let's give thanks to God!**

### Affirmation of Faith

**What a strange paradox; the King is coming, the people rejoice, singing ‘Hosanna in the highest!’ yet fail to understand that the King they welcome is the Servant King, the King who washes his disciples’ feet, the King who came not with an army but a weapon so powerful that not even death could resist, the sacrificial love of God laid out upon a Cross.**

**Lord God, as we sing our ‘Hosannas’ today may we remember also that which you were riding toward; the suffering and rejection, pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. And let us look forward to the joy of Easter Day when you rose from death to reign forever.**

**Help us, as we daily lay our lives before you, to live the resurrection life that acknowledges Jesus as Lord and King over our lives.**

The Gift of the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

#### The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 50:4-9
New Testament Lesson	Philippines 2:5-11
Gospel Lesson	Mark 14:1-15

**Sermon**

Do You Like Parades

Jan Garinger

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, we have brought You our gifts of money, time, and talent.**

**But we have received a sign of a much more valuable gift;**

**The gift of the life of Jesus for us all.**

**May the palms a wave with loud hosannahs reminds us**

**of all that He did for us. And may our gifts and lives be used.**

**So that other's may come to know of Your great love**

**shown to us through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

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The Ministry of Prayer

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)**

**Passion Story**

**The Draping of the Cross**

**Piano Solo**

**"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"**

Pastor Jim

***Let us all depart in silence as we journey  
together into this Holy Week.***

\*Indicates that all who are able, please stand. **Bold** print indicates unison reading.

***Notice Someone Missing?*** *If so give them a call and let them know they are missed.*

