

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

GREETINGS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @ @9:30am
2. There will be a special Church Charge Conference on Sunday, May 4th at 12 noon in the Fireside Room to elect a new Trustee member. Elder, Pastor Linda Ford, will be presiding as assigned by D. S. Mary Maaga.

Opening Prayer

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

Lords Prayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God

Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come

LUMC's Vision Statement:

"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people."

worship God!

Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

People: Open the gates of Salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" **UMH #278**

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 19:28-40**

HYMN: "This is the Day" (X2) **UMH #657**

Message: "The Spectating Crowd" *Lay Speaker
Amanda Bulls*

Song Dedication #95

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **UMH #280**

*BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Reader: This is the Word of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

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Palm Sunday

Adult Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Office Hours M – F 8am-10am