



Mountainside United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 25 Palm Sunday

Celebration of Worship

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. You may light a candle for yourself, your loved ones, or for a concern you have in your community or so before the service or during the worship songs.

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

*Opening Song “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along

Choral Call to Worship “Hosanna, Hosanna”

Williams / Martin

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

People: **This is the Lord’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.**

*Hymn “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Children’s Sermon (Children are invited to bring their palm branch to the front.)

Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor. Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children’s church. They are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Anthem “And Can It Be”

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon “The Physicality of Holy Week”

Prayers of the People

Leader: We know how Jesus leads His followers, and where He leads.

Left Side: He leads crowds to marvel at your love.

Right Side: We lead crowds to marvel at our power.

High Voices: He proclaims good news to people who are sick, poor and outcast.

Low Voices: We proclaim good news to people who are well, wealthy and well-connected.

Choir: His way does not flinch in the face of violence that may destroy Him.

ALL: Our way embraces violence to protect ourselves from destruction.

Leader: We have gone astray. We seek your grace, to turn, cleanse, and forgive us our transgressions. Set us again to be led by love that springs from your throne and makes all things new.

AMEN

Joys and Concerns

(The congregation is invited to voice joys and concerns. A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.)

Pastor: It is the sure and certain will and delight of our God that the mind which was in Christ Jesus be also in us. In the name of Jesus receive God's forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration.

People: In the name of Jesus, receive God's forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Pastor: With Jesus and all of his disciples from generation to generation we pray.. The flowers this morning are given by Lloyd Foster in honor of Lloyd's 50th Wedding Anniversary

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: You are at peace with God in Jesus Christ. Share Christ's peace now with one another, and the fruits of your loving labor with all the world.

Passing the Peace and Greetings

The congregation is invited to exchange words of peace and greeting.

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Hymn

*Dismissal with Blessing

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Please plan to stay for the photo to be taken about 10:50 a.m.

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rick Freeman, Liturgist
Mountainside Choir
Dee Short, Organist
Karen Blackmore, Pianist
Laura Wright, Violin
Vera Kleinhenz, Choir Director
