

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH  
SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021**

*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive  
Community*

**'HOLY VESSELS'**  
Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Lenten Candles**

**Story of the First Palm Parade**

...

Repeat after me, waving your arms as you are able:

Leader: "Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**People: "Hosanna to the Son of David!**  
Blessed is the one who comes  
**Blessed is the one who comes**  
in the name of the Lord!  
**in the name of the Lord!**  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

**Anthem: Palm Sunday Processional (D.G. Mason).**

**Threshold Video**

## Prayer of Confession

### The Peace



### *Experiencing God's Love is an Act of Healing*

#### **A Contemporary Word**

Here's one thing I realized as I grew older:

Courage is simple.

What I mean is, it's not something only superheroes have, not something you only get in momentous life-or-death situations—courage doesn't always look grand.

Sure, it's in these heart-stopping moments that courage shows its life-changing powers. But courage can also be quiet—it's something we draw strength from during our little everyday battles. It's getting out of bed in the mornings when your anxiety overpowers you. It's letting go of the toxic relationship you're trapped in for so long. It's showing up in this oftentimes unkind world we live in. I believe that real, raw courage is the simple, everyday, quiet, unreserved strength to keep moving despite the smallest and biggest fears we have.

*Genevieve Navilon*

*Silence ...*

#### **Toward Jerusalem**

walking toward Jerusalem

steps do not falter

heart does not waver

companionship brings energy for the journey

each conversation

each healing

every witnessing oppression

every loaf and fish in a hungry tummy

makes each step more necessary

defending the kingdom even to the death

with life

*Kimiko Karpoff*

*Silence ...*

## **An Ancient Word**

*Matthew 21: 6-11, 15*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.” ...

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry.

### **Hymn : Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU #123**

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

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving, and singing clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
content that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems ring.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his humble presence eternally rejoice!

### **Reflection**

## Song of Preparation

### **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

We are invited to gather in the grace and love of our blessed Creator...  
invited by the spirit of Jesus...  
bound together by Divine Goodness...  
in union with each other.

Through this meal shared in homes and sanctuary,  
may our bodies and our spirits be fed with God's love and comforting presence...  
so that we might be God's holding and comforting presence to others...

God's love be with you, now lift up your praise.

**And God be with you too, now and always.**

Let us give thanks to God, so right to do.

**All-loving Maker, we give back to you.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

You remind us time and again that, though broken,  
we are held in your presence and made whole by your grace.

Holy of holies, God of loving sight

**So full of beauty, wonder and delight,**

Bless-ed are those who call upon your name,

**Praise and hosannas be our grateful refrain.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,

Holy Vessel of Divine Presence on earth.

...

I invite you to open your palms upward, the ancient prayer form,

Take a moment to be still, this moment.

It is here that we come to be transformed by God's grace  
into the beauty God intends.

Know that all we must do is open ourselves to receive.

The master healer of this moment—of all moments—

is at work to restore us even now. *[pause]*

We remember in our prayers this morning ...

Now let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

Our Mother and 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

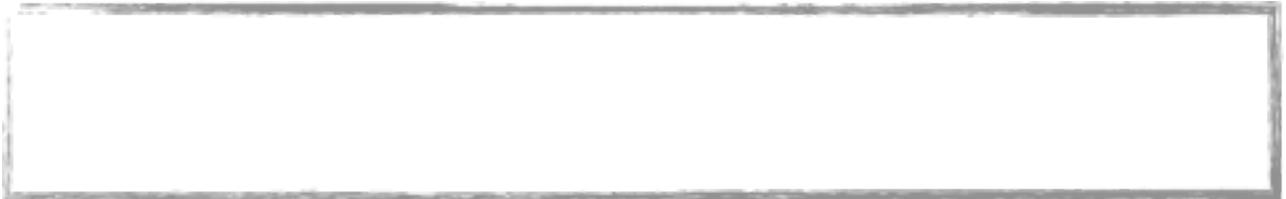
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### **Communion is taken**

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### **Prayer after Communion**

**Life-giving God,  
may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**



### **Ritual Action for the Week**



### **Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU #481**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing  
The people of God from our worship take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,

the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring  
embracing God's people of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and the name that we bear.

## **Commission and Blessing**

### **Threshold into the World**

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul  
Healer, come. X 2**