

ICE-BREAKERS

- 1 If you had been in the crowd that day, do you think you would've been shouting 'Hosanna!' or just watching quietly? Why?
- 2 The crowd welcomed Jesus like a king. Not everyone understood what kind of king He was. What are some ways people today might still misunderstand who Jesus is?



SERMON BASED

- 1 As you imagine yourself in the crowd that day, what emotions or expectations would you have been carrying as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and why?
- 2 The crowd shouted "Hosanna," expecting immediate change. When have you found yourself wanting God to act quickly in a specific way? How did that shape your faith?

BEYOND THE TEXT

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JOURNEY'S END

A NEW START

MARCH 29TH 2026

Palm Sunday

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

10:30AM

Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. *You belong here!* We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously

ORDER of WORSHIP

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR + THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

PRELUDE Prelude on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* | arr. Mary McDonald

WELCOME & VERSE Etta Schaffner

ANNOUNCEMENTS Henry Schaffner

HYMN #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* | UMH
Palm Sunday Leave Parade

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Jovie Pollock

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

People: We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

People: We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

People: We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kingdom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

People: We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

+ OPENING PRAYER Ceci Staas

Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalem's of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Christie Wendel
Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool thru 5th Grade

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Hosanna | arr. Ivan Trusler

+ SCRIPTURE

SERIES

MESSAGE

MARCHING ORDERS



Matthew 21: 1 - 11
Journey's End/A New Start

Pastor Christian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

People: O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to take the blame for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor Christian

Leader: Hear the good news: the One who entered Jerusalem in humility comes to us with mercy and grace. Jesus hears our cry of "Hosanna—save us!" and answers with forgiveness and new life.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

+ SONG *Blessed is He Who Comes*

Children return from AWE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Christian

OFFERING SONG *Blessed is He Who Comes (Chorus)*

+ DOXOLOGY #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH

+ SPOKEN BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postlude on Ellacombe* | arr. Jason Payne

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace. **Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.**

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
SCOTT TURNER
WORSHIP LEADER
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Place offerings in the wooden plates coming through the Pews, during the Offering song.

