



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2025 – 10:30 am

Liturgy of the Palms

**You are invited to say or sing the bold print*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *On screen not read*

For thousands of years, there have been people here. We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the people with whom the Three Fires Confederacy: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, was agreed upon.

We accept our responsibility as Treaty people on this territory wherein Collier Street United resides.

We honor the heritage and stewardship of this land.

As we gather to worship and work at Collier Street United,

we recognize that we have assembled on sacred ground,

a traditional gathering place for many peoples of Turtle Island.

We commit to honoring the covenantal relationship with the First Peoples: Métis, Huron Wendat and Inuit.

We move forward with reconciliation and good relations with all people.

PRELUDE:

Sharon Saint

TRIUMPHANT ENTRY – dialogue

HYMN – VU #122 All Glory Laud and Honour

BLESSING OF THE PALMS – responsive

Jesus, you entered Jerusalem in joy.

We long to go with you, to be in that place, within that crowd,
and to know that you are there.

So in this place, we lift branches of our own: we lift hands and
voices to offer praise for that entry long ago, and for your entry
into our lives today.

God bless these palms and those who carry them.

As we accompany you into the city, we proclaim that you
accompany us in our own time and place, making every space
where we reside a place to praise you.

God bless these palms and those who carry them.

You take ordinary branches, and the ordinary hands that hold
them, and make them holy. As your presence blessed the streets
of Jerusalem, you bless our house of worship. You take an old,
old story, and draw us to it in new ways. God, you have blessed
these palms. And you have blessed we who carry them.

**Hosaana! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE

Pat Edmonds

CANDLE SONG: MV #2 “Come All You People” (chorus)

WELCOME & NEWS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favored.**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED: responsive

Humble and riding on a donkey,

we greet you;

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

we cheer you;

moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

We salute you: Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden

a new dignity;

you are giving majesty

a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption

a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

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

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TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART- Christopher

HYMN: VU # 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PRAYER OF CONFESSION— responsive

O Lord, we remember your triumphant entry into Jerusalem; we remember your model of humility: no chariot, no golden laurel wreath of victorious warfare, but humbly, riding on a donkey.

Forgive us when we have been proud; help us find quiet contentment in our lives and meaning in always doing your will.

Give us courage this week to face the events of Good Friday, to overcome our fears and desires for self-preservation. Keep us strong when the price of discipleship is high.

Forgive us our sins, as we remember the price you paid for them. Amen.

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^WORDS OF TRANSFORMATION:

Pat Edmonds

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "He Came Riding on a Donkey"

Gordon Light

WE GROW TOGETHER

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: – Litany based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

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Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were

sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

SERMON: Journey On!

OFFERING INVITATION:

Pat Edmonds

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU#537 Your Work. O God Needs Many Hands

OFFERTORY PRAYER: unison

Like palms of rejoicing, like cloaks on the ground, we bring the gifts we have offered this week. Let both gifts and givers be lifted up, blessed, and sent forth to do your will. Amen

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER - followed by the Lord's Prayer sung VU # 960

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

^HYMN: VU#127 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" THE KING'S MAJESTY

^BENEDICTION - responsive

This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—
Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession,
a community celebrating together.

**The same vision is offered to us today:
We can welcome Christ into our lives;
We can celebrate his transforming power.**

How swiftly things changed back then,
How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

**May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—
Peace from the practice of justice,
equality from the practice of respect.**

As this week unfolds,

**We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love
We will pour it back out into the world.**

Written by Jeanyne Slettom, and posted on Process and Faith.

CLOSING SONG: Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on 'St. Theodulph' – Simon Sechter John Charles

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Welcome to Worship at Collier Street United Church.

We are glad you have joined us today in person and online, our worship leaders are:

Pat Edmonds, LLWL - Guest Worship Leader/Preacher

Anne Snell – Scripture Reader

John Charles (Music Director) & Senior Choir – Music leadership

Terry Tizzard & Mark Sporich – Audio & Visual Projections