ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 **8:30 & 9:45 A.M.**

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud and Honor,* Genesis Ringers arr. B. Kinyon
Hosanna, Chancel Ringers C. Moklebust

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

CHORAL INTROIT *Fanfare for Palm Sunday* McDonald

Lift your heads, ye mighty gates; the King of Glory comes! See the people celebrate; sing, "Blessed be the One!" Praise Him all ye people of earth. Praise Him with your songs of worth. Praise Him with your loud hosannas. Wave your palms with joy! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna to Jesus, the King! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Blessed be the Son of David! Crown Him King of kings! Worship, blessing, honor, glory – all your praises bring! See the wonders He has done; this is Jesus, God's own Son! With hosannas let us follow Jesus Christ, our King!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: We greet You.

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

People: We cheer You.

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

People: We salute you, Christ our Lord.

Leader: You are giving the beasts 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.

People: With them, with heart and voice, we shout "Hosanna!"

HYMN #197 **v. 1 & 3** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* *(please stand if able)*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, as we remember your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we confess that too often we've been part of the crowd: cheering you on one minute and then deserting you the next when the going gets tough. Have mercy on us when we are silent in the face of injustice; when we offer judgment instead of compassion; when we turn away from the demands of the Gospel. Lead us from our sinful ways into the way of Christ. Hear now our silent confessions . . . *(time for us to offer silent prayers of confession).*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: *Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

PALM SUNDAY RESPONSE *(please stand if able)*

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

CHOIR: *Hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna, to the King!*

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand if able)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN (9:45 only)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lift a Song, All Ye People* (9:45 only)

Lift a song, all ye people. Clap your hands, make a joyful noise. Praise the Lord with a thousand alleluias. Let all the nations rejoice.

Sing, lift up a song to the Lord. Sing and rejoice, alleluia. Let all the nations rejoice. Rejoice and sing to the Lord, hosanna, hosanna. Sing to the Lord, hosanna, hosanna.

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – *"The Peace of Christ"*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

OFFERTORY *Sanctus and Hosanna* Mozart

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth: pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Glory to God in the highest!

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we add our voices to the throngs who've cried "Hosanna!" at the coming of your son. May our songs, prayers and gifts reflect our deepest desire to be more than spectators, but to be followers of Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19: 35-38 (pew Bible page 854)

They brought the colt 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!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"It Was On the . . ."*
Ann Hatfield, Jon Frost, Bob Boell, Jennie Clark

Scripture Readings and Reflections from Jesus' final week in Jerusalem

Luke 19:41-46	"It was on the Monday"
Matthew 23 (selections)	"It was on the Tuesday"
Mark 14:1, 3-9	"It was on the Wednesday"
Matthew 26:1-5, 14-1	"It was on the Thursday"
Mark 15:1-15	"It was on the Friday"
Matthew 27:62-66	"It was on the Saturday"

HYMN #198 **v 1,3 & 4** *Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!* *(stand if able)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Linker

"It Was On the . . ." readings come from: "Stages on the Way,"
Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group