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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**PALM SUNDAY**

**April 13, 2014**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ringing the Bell**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Centering Music**

*Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

### **\*Call to Worship John 12:9-15**

When the great crowd learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

**“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!”**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

**\*Opening Song**

“Pave the Way with Justice”

**\*Silent Confession** *ending with: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (3x)*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Children's Message**

WAC Bell Ringers

**Sung Prayer for Illumination** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 1

## **Scripture Readings**

Philippians 2:5-11 (please read in unison)

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

John 12: 9-26 (p. 129-130 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

**Sermon**

“A Troubling Parade” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*Song**

“Canticle of the Turning”

**Prayers of the People** beginning with "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (2x)

**The Lord's Prayer** *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*

**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.**

**Offering**

"Hosanna to the Son of David"

E. Harris

**Sung Response**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 2

*All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from wilderness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

**Communion Prayer**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you, O God, for you created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your loving image. When we strayed from your way you called us back through the guidance of your law and the voices of your prophets. You brought your people out of bondage and into freedom, and sent us Jesus to confront the forces of death and destruction and lead us into fullness of life.

*The Words of Institution*

Pour out your Spirit upon this meal, that in sharing it we might be transformed.  
**Raise us up as Christ's body for the world, and send us forth to live his life of justice, peace and love. Amen.**

**Sung Response**                    "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 3  
*All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing, Here in peace we will be fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup** *All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the "wine" is unfermented (aka "juice").*

**Closing Prayer**

**\*Song** NCH #198                    "Lift High the Cross"

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Sending Music**