



St. Thomas United Church
Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

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Sunday, April 9, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Palm Sunday

† indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Bud Berges*

Palm Sunday Parade – *Hymn: Sanna, Sannanina*

VU#128

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

GREETING ONE ANOTHER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A wicker prayer basket will be sent around. If you have a prayer, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place your prayer in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along.

INTROIT: *God of the Bible (v.1 + chorus)*

MV#28

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE – (*Richard Pon*)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**Responsive**)

Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love lasts forever.

Let all the people proclaim it aloud:

God's love lasts forever.

Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (**Unison**)

Hosanna Saviour, we wave our palms and sing our praise as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day, giving us the strength to endure the journey which is ahead. Amen.

†HYMN: *He Came Riding on a Donkey*

VU#124

(Children and Youth are invited to join their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

SCRIPTURE: *Based on Matthew 21:1-11*

Scripture Reader: *Rachel Murray*

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir: "Hosanna Gathering"*

- by Pepper Choplin

THE MESSAGE: *Living in the Margins*

†HYMN: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

VU#127

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Human Rights in the Philippines*

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with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

VU#541

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison)*

Gracious God, even on a day such as this, when more than any other we contemplate how we have failed to uphold your word and your work, still we offer you these gifts of our hands and our hearts, and pray that you will receive them and use

them, that together we might continue to tell the world of your love. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Love Us into Fullness*

MV#81

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS (**Unison**)

‡COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (**Responsive**)

We leave today in limbo, not sure how to feel.

We leave today knowing that the story is not finished.

We leave today knowing we have betrayed and denied and yet...

We leave today knowing that God will never let our stories end in death.

HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

VU#123

POSTLUDE: *Barb Tetzlaff*

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Bud Berges, Barb Tetzlaff, The Adult Choir, Mark Wagner, Deyelle MacDonald, Brittney Whittaker, Hope Cochran, Myrna Malanik, Erin MacLean-Berko, Cathy Rivard, Kirsten Carr, Brian Shewan, Richard Pon, Rachel Murray.