

ORDER OF SERVICE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24th, 2024

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Please Stand Where Able

MUSICAL PRELUDE

BIBLE OPENING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Awesome God, as we enter Holy Week, we are drawn to the flickering flame. It burns brightly in our hearts. Yet, we know that amidst the celebrations of this day, there are those who want to extinguish the light in us and in Jesus.

**May the radiance of Christ's glory shine brightly,
this day and throughout the coming week.**

In the name of the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Laura J. Turnball

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Listen...what do you hear?

Time moving on.

Shout "Hosanna!"

Hosanna!

Shout "Blessed is the One!"

Blessed is the One!

Listen...what do you hear?

Time moving on.

Cry "Crucify him!"

Crucify him!

Shout: "CRUCIFY HIM!"

"CRUCIFY HIM"

Listen...What do you hear?

Time moving on.

Yes, but not only that...in the moving of time...in the beats and the silences...in the "hosanna" and the "crucify him"...do you hear God?

"YES!" God is with us. We are not alone.

Come let us worship God!

HYMN #123

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Eternal God, God of donkeys and children, God of palm branches and pilgrims, we give you the glory this morning. We gather to celebrate your presence in our lives and in our church community. We celebrate the courage and the teachings of your son, Jesus or Christ. We open ourselves to the grace of your Spirit. May it move us, inspire us, and make our hearts dance with joy!

In Jesus' name, Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"PALMS & PASSION"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

*We have a "Giving Station" at each Entrance
and one plate that will remain at the back entrance
throughout the service.*

**Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the*

Offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY REFRAIN VU#603

“In Loving Partnership” vs 1

In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive,
we freely offer them to you.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Teach us, God, to offer the very best of who we are in
the service of your will through the mission of this
church: may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation in
the world so much in need. Receive what we give for
the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

See Bulletin Insert

***HYMN #149 VU** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross “*

***COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

*** SUNG BLESSING VU 117**

“Jesus Christ is Waiting” (vs 5)

*Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.*

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

**THIS MORNING
LONDON ROAD WEST UNITED CHURCH**

**MARCH 24th, 2024
PALM - PASSION SUNDAY**

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