

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcement

Welcome to Palm Sunday! The day that marks Jesus Triumphant ride into Jerusalem.

Wave your branches high. Jesus is coming!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's Name!

Spread your garments on his path.

Prepare the way for the Savior. Hosanna!

Palms Procession - He Came Riding on a Donkey -124 VU

Call to Worship

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day

Hymn - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - 123 VU

Prayer of Confession

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. They have thrown their cloaks in the path of the donkey that his steps might be cushioned. And the scene is wonderful. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned

from those who have needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us to be of help of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. AMEN.

Scripture Reading - Mark 11: 1-11

Meditation

Hymn - One Bread, One Body - 467 VU

Communion Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for the peace of God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In the streets, In our homes,
Here beside this table, we give you thanks, O Holy One.

We give you thanks for giving us a story.
Even when we do not understand its meaning,
Even when we doubt it happened this way,
Even when we want to rush ahead to
the end, We know that you have
given us this story in which to live
and move and have our being.
We remember that your story did not begin with this parade,

but began when you came to move over the waters of creation.
We remember the tragedies that came to your people.
And we know that you were not silent.
You gave your people a story. You gave your
people a rainbow. You gave your people a song.
You gave your people peace.

Gather here with us now, O Holy One,
Speak to us through this bread and this cup.
Remind us of all the stories we've ever heard about you.
Fill these symbols with your peace
So that we might find your peace within ourselves

Words of Institution

On the night Jesus was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks and said, "Drink, This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it remember me.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life
Jesus Christ, the True Vine

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts in prayer, toward your spirit and pray the Prayer that Jesus taught us saying together:

The Lord's Prayer

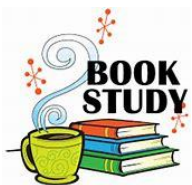
Hymn - Said Judas to Mary - 129 VU

Benediction

The road has been long. You have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit. There is much to be done. Go in peace, dear people of God. Go ready to proclaim with your lives that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Go to offer God's love and peace to all. AMEN

Communion is an act of community and though we cannot safely gather in community we join our hearts and spirits in remembrance of our Saviour's sacrifice for our eternal life. We will celebrate communion virtually at Coffee Hour at 11:00 a.m but if you cannot join us please know we are with you in spirit. **please prepare juice and either bread or a cracker for communion.

Announcements



If you would like a copy of the book study "The Cup of Our Life" please contact the office and we will be sure to send it with your bulletin. It is designed to do on your own or if you are able you can join our weekly discussion group.

You can phone in by dialing:

**+1 647 374 4685 Then when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 830 1433
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A big thank you to everyone who supported our Drive by Pie and Hi day! It was wildly successful, and we enjoyed seeing all your beautiful faces!