



Palm Sunday—April 10, 2022

“You Are a Group Project”

Luke 19:28-42

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All Are Welcome!

*“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-22

+Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Esther Mino

WELCOME & THRESHOLD

Pastor Shauna

We stand at the precipice of Lent and Holy Week. This day moves from shouting and praising to a time of crying and lament. The drama of the story of Jesus’ last week reads like the book of our lives. Feeling hopeful one moment, we plummet the next as we deal with disappointment, danger, and grief. God’s incarnation on earth was not immune from this roller-coaster we call life. One thing we know, when the going gets rough, the last thing on our minds is climbing the ladder of self-improvement. We just want to survive, to be comforted, to have our pain known and embraced. And so we turn from the isolation of perfection and turn toward deep love. It is never too late to nurture the garden of relationships, for we are all a group project.

+CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Renay Oberholtzer

Leader: What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?
Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet,
God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.
Let us pray together.

People: **Holy One, God of Goodness,
we call out to you at the Gates of Righteousness,
sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress—sometimes both at once.
We long to be in your house in the presence of beloveds,
binding the festal procession with branches.
Open us this day to your love in and through the webs of our relationships
– and in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN ***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*** (#277) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

PASSING THE PEACE

Pat Moore

Leader: The joy and peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*** (#277)

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Shauna

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Shauna

OFFERTORY ***Fairest Lord Jesus*** (#189)

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Renay Oberholtzer

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings, no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives might be, we offer our gifts and ourselves,

and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE—Luke 19:28-42

Renay Oberholtzer

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it 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!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord that is still speaking.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"You Are a Group Project"

Pastor Shauna

HONEST QUESTIONS

Pastor Shauna

SILENT REFLECTION

COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Leader: Hear this compassionate word from the Letter to the Philippians:

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation as we are called into the kind of community Christ had in mind for all. We are invited to the audacity of interdependence so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving.

Leader: And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

+CLOSING HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor (#280)

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE

Esther Mino

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

MESSAGE

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

MUSIC

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

LITURGIST

Renay Oberholtzer

GREETER

Hannah Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

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