

PALM SUNDAY

The First Church in Belfast
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation
April 14, 2019
10:00 a.m.

WE ARE GATHERED IN

PRELUDE

Amy Kerckmar

ENTERING JERUSALEM

Luke 19:29-40

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

#213

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE AND MINISTRY Songs to begin Holy Week

The Hosanna Song by Timothy Vad

HO-HO-HO HOSANNA
HE-HE-HE HE SAVES US
HO-HO-HO HOSANNA
WE’VE GOT THE JOY OF THE LORD!

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

English, Arabic, Hebrew

WELCOME TO HOLY WEEK

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Love, love, love, love, people this is your call.
Love your neighbors as yourself,
for God loves all!

PALM SUNDAY MEDITATION

Roll Call of Worshippers

SILENCE

CHORAL ANTHEM “The Holy City” Soloists: Katelyn Parker Bray, Isaac Bray

WE HEAR THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 118 (p. 701, *New Century Hymnal*) Manley Rogers

MESSAGE *“This Odd Day”*

***HYMN** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” #216

WE LIVE THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

*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.*

INVITATION TO GIVE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one.

(Other versions of the Doxology are found in our hymnal, #776-781.)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You offer us the honor of participating in your work of creation, O God. Bless these gifts as we use them to heal, to reach out to those who suffer, and to restore beauty and balance to the earth. May all our resources be used with the wisdom of Christ, Jesus, in whom all things are made whole. Amen.

WE ARE SENT AND BLESSED

*CLOSING HYMN “Now Let Us Go Together”

tune: PASSION CHORALE words: Rev. Dr. Kate Winters

Now let us go together into this sacred time,
our hearts shall know surrender, this mountain we shall climb.
With our dear brother Jesus, who calls us all to share
the way of joy and sorrow, his grief and love to bear.

We'll know the happy welcome and feel the joyous strain,
we'll walk the road with Jesus, and learn it all again.
How quickly adulation becomes a traitor's lie,
how quickly an hosanna becomes a call to die.

And as we go on Thursday into the upper room,
we'll put aside our worries, our sense of fear and doom.
We'll gather 'round the table, to share the bread and wine,
and as we each are able, we'll taste the life divine.

Then Jesus, our beloved, will startle and amaze,
as bending low before us, he'll wash our shame away.

With water and with basin, and oh so tender care,
he'll offer us our mission – to do as he did there.

We'll walk into the 'morrow, upheld by his embrace,
his strength is ours to borrow, as Calvary we face.
As on the cross our brother shall meet the world's disdain,
for love as great as this love, the world could not contain.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE