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~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES, & OURSELVES~

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DOXOLOGY:            “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”            UMH 94  
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)**

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: “Go into the village . . . find the donkey . . . tell them the lord has need.” Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**                            “Cry of My Heart”                            TFWS 2165

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~LITANY OF SENDING /BENEDICTION~

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L: Give thanks to God for God is good!

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

L: We go from this place crying out for salvation!

**P: Come, save us! Hosanna!**

L: We go from this place ready to follow Jesus to the garden, the cross, and the tomb.

**P: Come, save us! Hosanna!**

L: We go from this place ready to pay attention as the waving of palms turns to a sentence of crucifixion.

**P: Come. Save us. Hosanna.**

L: We go from this place knowing that even in death, God’s love endures.

**P: Come. Save us. Hosanna.**

Pastor: The Spirit of God inspires...listen! The Spirit of God transforms...grow! The Spirit of God empowers...go...and be...and do! And may you...those you encounter...and those who are touched beyond that encounter...discover and know the grace, love, and peace of God each and every day.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**                            “Rule of Life”                            W&S 3117

**\*POSTLUDE:    “Meditation    on Hanover” William Croft**

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The bulletins are given by Tom & Kaonou Latham in celebration of Spring.



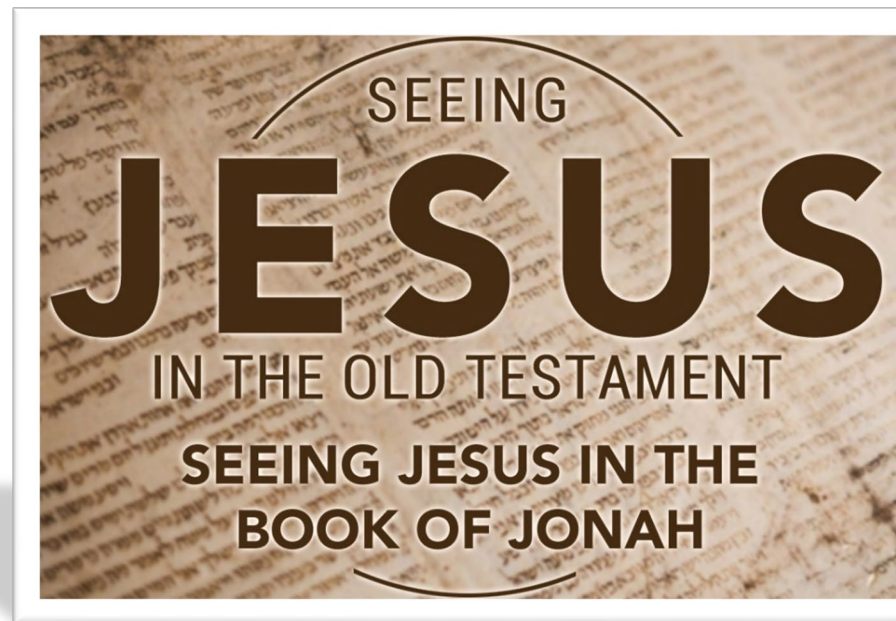
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**323 South 5th Avenue ~ West Bend WI 53095**

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**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY ~ April 2, 2023**

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The “sign of Jonah” is mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 12:38–42 and Luke 11:29–32. The scribes and Pharisees ask Jesus for a sign to which he replies he will not give any additional signs to this evil generation besides the one already given in Jonah.

There are three elements to this sign: (1) both Jonah and Jesus spent three days inside something (fish, earth), (2) Nineveh repented but Jesus’ generation will not, and (3) Jesus Himself tells us that He is the greater Jonah. The prophet Jonah was always pointing to Him.

**Katie Glaser, Liturgist**

**Michelle Harrington, Singer**

**Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Senior Pastor**

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\*Note: L: denotes worship "Leader" ~ P: denotes "People"

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### ~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

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**ORGAN PRELUDE:** "Children of the Heavenly Father" Arr. Edward Broughton  
Deanna Gibeau, Organist

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### ~WELCOME~

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#### GREETING:

**Pastor:** Welcome. From Palm Sunday through Easter, the world is remade, a new creation, and we are blessed to be a part of it, blessed to receive a gift beyond words, which is nothing less than eternity itself. Today, you have different storms, different winds, and different waves tempting you to fear. But you have the same Jesus who slept in the boat, who woke up, who rebuked the wind and the waves and they listened to Him. Whatever storms you face in this life, bring them to your God. Come. All are welcome.

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### ~COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER~

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**CENTERING MUSIC:** "O How He Loves You and Me" Michelle, Harrington

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, Jesus is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the Kingdom of God.**

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY: (Unison)

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us. Jesus Christ, our King of glory, we have not been outspoken for you. We have not called for your death, but neither have we shouted of your greatness, nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us. Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King.

#### \*CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

**L:** When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the Holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together:

#### \*UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS:

Ever constant God, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the Kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**L:** Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the Kingdom of God! Amen.**

#### \*HYMN:

"This Is the Day" x2

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~WE PROCLAIM~

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**\* Abridged reading of Matthew 26:14-75; 27:1-66...responsively**

L: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, my time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So, the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. I tell you; I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

**P: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his breath.**

**All: Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So, Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make the tomb as secure as you can." So, they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.**

L: The Word of God for the people of the God. **P: Praise to our Living God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC      "Hosanna!"      Michelle Harrington and Deanna Gibeau**

**SERMON:   Prophet Jonah – "The Christ-Connection in Jonah"      Pastor Clarissa**

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~THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY~

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**Pastor:** Friends, come to the table! Bring your shouts of "Hosanna," bring your palms, bring your hopes of a victorious king to overcome the oppression and sorrow of this world. Bring your cries of "Crucify him," bring your denial and wandering, bring your hopes dashed by one who was crucified because he would not validate the power of this world. Just as Jesus gathered with his disciples here on the night before his execution, just as he met his disciples in the breaking of the bread on that first resurrection evening, so too we gather at this table, bringing our best and our worst, to this place where we will be made whole as we meet Jesus again.

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also, with you.**  
L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who emptied himself into human form to guide us back to You. Through his teaching and his actions, Jesus demonstrated that the time had come when you would save your people. When he processed into Jerusalem on a colt, the people gathered and cried, "Hosanna! Save us!" because he lived your salvific love in our midst. And as the enthusiasm of "Hosanna!" began to dim in the shadow of plots to crucify him, he did not waver in the love and grace he extended to all.

In one of his final gracious and loving acts, on the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, the rejected stone who is the Cornerstone of our salvation, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**~A THANKSGIVING OVER THE PALMS ~**

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Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, almighty and eternal God, for sending your only Son in the fullness of time to redeem the world with his obedient life and innocent death. When he entered Jerusalem, Jesus was hailed as king by those who spread their garments and palm branches on his path. We carry these branches as signs of the victory he accomplished. Let Jesus victory remain with us, even as we take up our crosses and follow him, that we may die and rise with him, and finally enter God’s Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**All: Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation. Give us the grace to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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**~PRAYERS & CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE~**

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L: Lord in your mercy,                   **All: hear our prayer.**

P: Now as those called and empowered by God let us join with Christ in prayer:

**All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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