

On Sunday, our congregation (along with Christians around the world) will begin our journey through Holy Week, and we will participate in that venture by processing into the sanctuary with our palm branches. By doing so, we symbolize how we are willing to join Jesus in creating an entirely new vision of reality that would promote the peace on earth that had been announced at His birth. Yet, because Jesus embodied a notion of humanness that the world could not tolerate, the people who shouted “Hosanna” at Christ’s entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week had discarded their palm branches and shouted “Crucify Him” at the end of the week.

As a result, it invites the question – “What kind of Christians are we?” Are we the kinds of folks who will join the parade and eagerly wave our palm branches when things are going well but then opt for a path that will put us on a less rigorous road when our discipleship demands too much from us? Or will we remain faithful to the way of Christ, to the teachings of Christ, even when the road may be difficult?

I hope that you will join on Sunday, either at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m., and I also hope that you will make plans to participate in our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. As always, I will anticipate the joy of being with you.