

# PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: The stones cry out in joy,

**People: the trees wave their branches in delight,**

Leader: the birds burst into song

**People: and Christ is among the people.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!  
No. 89

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**With joy in our hearts, we welcome your servant, O God, only to reject him when he picks up a cross instead of a crown. Like cloaks laid on the ground before Jesus, we pick up our faith, dust it off and put it back in the closet until we need it. We can be as stubborn and rebellious as the city which cheers your name. Save us, Redeeming God, save us! May we lay our doubts, our fears, our worries, our weariness at your feet, trusting and believing that you will forgive what is sinful, make whole our brokenness, and welcome us as sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* ♪ Gloria Patri  
No. 579

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## \* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission · One Great Hour of Sharing  
Faye Wilson

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** · Shari Plunkett

Isaiah 50:4-9 (pg. 1141)

🎵 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

*Draw Nigh to Jerusalem* ... David H. Williams

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mary Mackie, organ accompanist  
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**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 1531)

**Ministry of the Word** · The Rev. Renée Rico

**"The Road Less Traveled – to the Cross"**

*6<sup>th</sup> In the Series "Centering on Jesus"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* 🎵 **Hymn** · Spirit of the Living God (sing twice)

No. 322

**Spiritual Practice – The Sixth Week**

*Suggested practice: Meditating on the Cross (a contemplative practice) – see insert*

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**Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings**  
Shari Plunkett, Chair, Stewardship and Finance  
Team

- \* **♪ Hymn of Response** · What Wondrous Love is This  
No. 85

**Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

- \* **♪ Closing Hymn** · Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!  
No. 91

- \* **Benediction**

- \* **♪ Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

**♪ Organ Postlude** · Mary Mackie

*The congregation is free to move during the  
postlude.*