**Order of Worship Outline for Christ UMC, Selinsgrove, PA – April 5, 2020**

Welcome

Corporate Prayer (***say at home out loud***) *(From The United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House, #340 Used by permission.)*

**Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**1**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
    his steadfast love endures forever!

**2**Let Israel say,  
    “His steadfast love endures forever.”

**19**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
    that I may enter through them  
    and give thanks to the Lord.

**20**This is the gate of the Lord;  
    the righteous shall enter through it.

**21**I thank you that you have answered me  
    and have become my salvation.  
**22**The stone that the builders rejected  
    has become the chief cornerstone.  
**23**This is the Lord’s doing;  
    it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**24**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
    let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**25**Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
    O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**26**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
    We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**27**The Lord is God,  
    and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
    up to the horns of the altar.

**28**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
    you are my God, I will extol you.

**29**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
    for his steadfast love endures forever.

Opening Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*(music played by Marrianne Hoyt – you are invited to listen, to listen & read the words or you may sing at home the hymn to Marrianne’s playing)*

Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *(spoken using sins/sin)*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2**saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. **3**If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” **4**This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

**5**“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
    humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
        and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

**6**The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; **7**they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. **8**A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9**The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
    Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**10**When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” **11**The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Message When Palm Sunday Feels Like Ash Wednesday

Confession of Faith ***(said together)***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Benediction