

All: God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.

One: This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

All: God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.

One: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

All: Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

One: The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

All: Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"

One: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

All: With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God's call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Children's Worship Experience

Children ages 3-8 may depart for the Children's Worship Experience in the Chapel after the Children's Sermon.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Gracious God, we give you thanks that your love shines through all things. Be with us this morning as we remember the path Jesus walked to the cross, a path that was paved by the intermingling of human

expectations and the power of your love to transform the world. Quiet our hearts and minds to feel your spirit through the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem and give us each the strength to be transformed by it into the people you call us to be. Let some word of this be yours. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 11: 1-11
Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Sermon

Limiting Expectations
Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Anthem

The Palms (Les Rameaux) Jean-Baptiste Faure
RJ Kilcher, soloist
PCO Chancel Choir

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Ah, Dearest Jesus Gordon Young

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Steve Mayhew, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

*** Hymn#197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, vs. 1-3
[Ellacombe]

*** Benediction**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.
Seek the good in every person you pass. Seek out the hopeful.
Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder,
may you find what you are looking for.
In the name of our loving God,
who is always seeking us, go now in peace. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on *Ellacombe* Albert Travis
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Music Notes: Jean-Baptist Faure (1830-1914) was a French operatic baritone who made his debut at the Royal Opera House, London, in 1860. In addition to his many contributions as a singer, he also composed a significant amount of choral music including this week's anthem *Les Rameaux* (The Palms).

Although they share the same last name, Jean-Baptiste is not related to another significant composer of choral music, Gabriel Faure.

Education Time: The Journey Inward: Embracing the Divine in Our Truest Selves. Led by Pastor Rebekah. Part 4.

Ushers: *Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Thank you to Mickey Martin for supplying snacks and to Edward Ennen for preparing coffee.*

Next Week's Scripture: John 20:1-18

Next Week's Education Time: Join us for a light brunch and egg hunt following Easter Sunday worship.

The Call to Worship is adapted from Palm Sunday Psalm by Rachel Hackenberg. It can be found online at <https://rachelhackenberg.com/palm-sunday-psalm/> The Litany of Confession and Promise of the Gospel is adapted from the work of the Rev. Sarah A. Speed, A *Sanctified Art LLC*. sanctifiedart.org.

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