

PALGRAVE UNITED CHURCH

March 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

Sing a New Song

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

Jesus entered Jerusalem, and many went out to meet him!

May we encounter the living Christ in this time of worship.

Jesus entered Jerusalem, and many sang their songs of praise!

May we sing our songs of praise to Christ, who is here with us.

Jesus calls us to follow him, not just to another fun time, but to the hard work of bringing God's love and justice, reconciliation and salvation into this world of violence, fear and division.

May we take courage, knowing that Christ is with us wherever life takes us!

May our hearts be stirred with love and compassion for people, as was Christ!

Let us worship and celebrate.

Hymn: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU 108

Gathering Prayer

Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your courageous entry into our lives and into the places where the use and abuse of power is on display.

Joining with the crowds around the world that worship you, we sing your praises, but even so, we acknowledge that our hearts are often

far from true worship, and our minds can be distant from a true understanding of who you are.

We downplay your humility as we grasp for power in your name.

You give yourself for us, but we are uninspired by your selflessness.

You offer us life, but we cling to that which destroys.

In our worship and in our work, help us to reflect your love, humility and courage,

and to live faithfully here and now.

Find us in those places of brokenness and sin.

Forgive what we have done and who we have been.

Bring us home again and impart within us a new way of living - the way of love. In Your name, we pray. Amen

Hymn: My Song Is Love Unknown VU 143

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11

Hymn: He Came Riding on a Donkey VU 124

Sermon: What's With That Donkey?

Hymn: Ride On, ride On, the Time Is Right VU 126

Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession

Offering

Hymn: We are Marching VU 646

Blessings and Benediction

Closing Chorus: Lead Me God VU 662