



Power Play by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity



## Palm / Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:30 am

**\*Congregation Gathers in the Garden for the Parade**

**\*Words of Welcome in the Garden**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Opening Words**

Robin Randall

One: With crowds from ancient times we cry out,

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Hymn 597**

*Sanna, sannanina*

SANNANINA

**\*Opening Litany**

Rev. Susan Tindall, Kelly Bufton, Robin Randall, Christopher Cock

Susan: Where is he going?  
Kelly: Isn't he from Nazareth?  
Robin: Can anything good come from Nazareth?  
Christopher: Is he headed to Jerusalem?  
Susan: Do you think Jerusalem is safe?  
Kelly: Does he know that Pilate is here?  
Robin: Where is he going?  
Christopher: Does he know the city is dangerous?  
Susan: Does he see the Pharisees watching?  
Kelly: Is this the one we've been waiting for?  
Robin: Could this be the Messiah?  
Christopher: Where is he going?  
Susan: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"  
Kelly: Should I lay down my cloak?  
Robin: Is this the beginning of the end?  
Christopher: Should we follow?  
Susan: Should we watch?  
Kelly: Should we sing, "Hosanna"?"  
Robin: Stay awake!  
Susan: He's on the move.  
Kelly: Where is he going?  
Robin: Listen.  
Christopher: Where is he going?  
Susan: Watch.  
Kelly: Where is he going?  
Robin: Stay close.  
Christopher: Where is he going?  
Susan: Sing, "Hosanna."  
**All: Hosanna! Amen.**

**\*Hymn 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Sean Coriell

**A Time with Youngest Children**

Kristin Duy

*Following our time together, children are invited to return to sit with their families.*

**Call to Confession**

Robin

One: For today's prayer of confession we are going to read the Palm Sunday story together. As we read through the story, we will pause to admit the places where we so often and so easily could change the narrative. So read with me, trusting that, no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love. Let us pray:

## Prayer of Confession: Featuring Matthew 21:1-11, NIV

One: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

**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.**

## Assurance of God’s Grace

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.**

**\*Sung Response 602**

*Holy Lamb of God*

YA HAMALALLAH

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

**\*Anthem**

*O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head*  
Chancel Choir

David N. Johnson

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Robin

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 27:11-54

Robin & Beth

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Seeking: Where are you headed?*

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,  
who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.**

**We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,  
who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.**

**We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope,  
tethering us to one another.**

**We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a  
new day.**

**That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn 204, repeated**

*Stay with Me*

STAY WITH ME / Taizé

## Offering Our Gifts to God & **Receiving One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**

**Invitation**

Susan

**Offertory**

*Coming Day of Resurrection!*

Arr. Edwin T Childs

*This arrangement of the hymn tune ELLACOMBE, better known as the hymn “Hosannas, Loud Hosannas,” is dissonant with clashing harmonies and stark rhythms. The effect gives this normally joyous hymn an uncomfortable quality. You are invited to dwell in this discomfort of waving a palm branch that you know will pave a road that leads to crucifixion, pain, death... and joyous resurrection.*

**\*Doxology** words 607, tune 606      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Church Tidings and Invitation to Holy Week Worship

### Joys & Concerns

### God’s People Pray

**One:** We lift our prayers to God.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

### Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 209 v 1, 3, 5**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

### **\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*The Old Rugged Cross*

arr. Cindy Berry

*\* Please rise in spirit or body*

**All speak emboldened type**

Portions of today’s liturgy written by Sanctified Arts [www.sanctifiedart.org](http://www.sanctifiedart.org)

**USHERS / GREETERS:** Joanne King, Kris Veenbaas

**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Wendy Cook

**ACOLYTE:** Sean Coriell

**AV:** Pat Garner, Sam Dammers

**LITURGIST:** Robin Randall

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today, CPC will be participating in collecting donations for One Great Hour Sharing which support initiatives in disaster relief, hunger relief and self-development of people. You can give in any of the following ways:

1. Mail your envelope
2. Use our online platforms to donate [click here](#)
3. Bring your donation or fish banks to the church office

Every penny makes a huge impact for local communities and around the world! Thank you for participating in One Great Hour of Sharing!



## COME JOIN US! Explore Membership at CPC

Do you have questions about our church or being Presbyterian? Have you ever wondered what being a member at CPC means? We would love to talk about faith, get to know one another better, introduce you to the staff of the church, and spend time answering questions. We are flexible with meeting times and are happy to come to you! Please reach out to **Pastor Susan Tindall** or **Ingrid Ellithorpe**, Membership Chair.

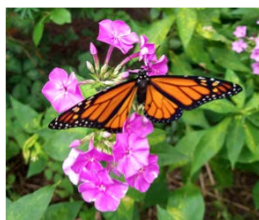
## KIDS' ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

### Spring Flower / Plant Sale

### Orders due Monday April 10

Please order your Spring flowers and plants from the Kids' Academy (KA) sale! All proceeds benefit the KA Tuition Assistance Fund, ensuring all children have access to quality preschool and before / after school care for elementary aged children.

[Click here for the order form.](#)



## PW APRIL PROGRAM: RAISING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

### Tues April 11 at 12:30 pm

Everyone is invited to the Presbyterian Women's April program on 04/11 at 12:30 pm. The beautiful monarch butterfly is now an endangered species. Due to climate change and other environmental factors, its population has dropped considerably in the past few years. Join us as Forest Preserve Commissioner and passionate conservationist Linda Painter shows us how to raise monarchs in our own backyards. She will bring and demonstrate the special equipment needed and tell us the techniques she uses.

Of course, there will be delicious desserts and time for fellowship. See you there!

**This week at CPC:**

**Sunday, April 2**

**Palm / Passion Sunday**

**Receive One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary

**9:30 am — Worship commences in garden with parade**

10:45 am — Adult Ed.; chapel & zoom

**NO Sunday School for Children**

**NO Youth Group**

**Monday, April 3**

6:30 pm — Communications - zoom

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; chapel & zoom

**Tuesday, April 4**

10:30 pm — Staff meeting; chapel & zoom

**Wednesday, April 5**

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 6**

**Maundy Thursday**

**NO Thursday Morning Devotions**

7:00 pm — Worship & Communion; Sanctuary/Livestream

**Friday, April 7**

**Good Friday**

**Kids' Academy Closed**

**Noon** — Church office closed

7:00 pm — Worship; Sanctuary/Livestream

**Saturday, April 8**

**Sunday, April 9**

**Easter Sunday**

**7:00 am — Sunrise Worship; Church Garden**

7:45 am — Continental Breakfast; Gathering Room

8:30 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary

**9:30 am — Worship; Sanctuary/Livestream**

Before & after worship — Walk Easter Story in Garden

**NO Sunday School for Children**

**NO Sunday Morning Adult Ed.**

**NO Youth Group**

**Monday, April 10**

**Easter Monday - Church office closed**

**Kids' Academy open**

**NURSERY CARE**

\*6 weeks - 2 years

The Nursery will not be staffed April 2 so that all volunteers can participate in Palm Sunday worship. Look for our volunteers on **May 7**. Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for during worship service. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON SPRING BREAK**

\*kids 3 yrs - 5th grade

Kids can pick up a bulletin and coloring page from the Narthex on their way into the Sanctuary.

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL MEET APRIL 16**



**CPC YOUTH ARE ON SPRING BREAK!**

Students in grades 6-12 will not meet again until April 16th! Have a restful and relaxing spring break! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact **Pastor Susan**.



**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION**

**10:45-11:45 am**

**Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom**

**SEVEN WORDS LENTEN SERIES Concludes Today 4/2**

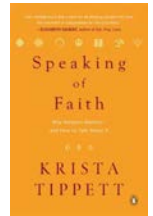
Sunday Morning Adult Ed has been discussing Susan Robb's book, *Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross*. Robin Randall will facilitate the final class, discussing, "It is finished." Sunday morning adult education will not meet on Easter Sunday. When we return on April 16, our session will be facilitated by Dr. Megan VanGorder whose doctoral studies focused on President Lincoln's life in the public square.



## THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Thursdays, 9:00 -10:30 am

We begin our spring book on April 13. Join us to read and discuss **Speaking of Faith** by Krista Tippett. Join us in the chapel or on [Zoom](#).



### CIRCLE OF VOICES

April 19 9:30 am

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel* by Laura Dave. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant.

For more information, contact Barb Coop.

### News of THE AMOS GROUP

*Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.* Amos 5:24



### Help District 86 Class of 2023

Here's our third opportunity this year to gather items for seniors at Hinsdale South who will be going to college next year – but could use some help getting items because their resources are strained. These items will be stored until May by Ayesha Truman, Student Support Coordinator. This is our final collection of the school year. In October, we gathered laundry and personal care items. In January, we collected bedding and towels.

**Our focus for April is School Supplies.** Here is a list of suggested items:

- Backpack or carrying bag
- Planner or calendar
- Binders
- Paper, pens, and pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Whiteout
- Tape
- Hole punch
- Highlighters
- Notebooks
- Ruler
- Sticky notes
- Paperclips
- Stapler and staples
- Scissors

Please bring your items to the church office no later than Sunday, April 30. If you order items online, you could arrange for them to be delivered directly to the church. Thanks in advance for helping us to make a difference for these students!

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.





### THE AMOS GROUP INVITES YOU

Worship at Trinity UCC; hear Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III preach

Sunday April 30

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30, for a special opportunity.

We are excited to announce a road trip to Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Trinity's membership is primarily African American. We'll attend a worship service, where we'll hear the very popular Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III preach. And we are sure to hear impassioned singing, as well as enjoy the welcome and fellowship of this church family during a meaningful worship experience.

We will travel in carpools/church van and arrive in time for an 11:00 am service. We'll have a sign-up sheet so that we can plan for sufficient seats in vehicles.

For those who wish, there will probably be an opportunity to gather for dinner at a South Side restaurant afterwards.

Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Gregg Morton, [eaglesong60516@yahoo.com](mailto:eaglesong60516@yahoo.com).

### MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION FOR MARCH

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for March are:

- Hot Cereal
- Canned Chili or Stews
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna or Chicken



Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

### CREATION CELEBRATION

April 23

10:30-11:45 am

We will be planting some new additions to the Memorial Garden and dedicating them for God's good creation at CPC! Following our time outside, everyone is invited on Zoom or in the chapel to join Dan Huntsha from Faith in Place for a workshop titled: **"New Solar and Energy Efficiency – How to lower your footprint and save money."** In this presentation, Dan will cover the new ways folks can save money and reduce their carbon footprint at the same time. We'll explore why the issue matters, concrete things you can do right now, and have some fun as we explore how The Far Side cartoons can make us laugh and explore climate truths at the same time.



# DRAW IT

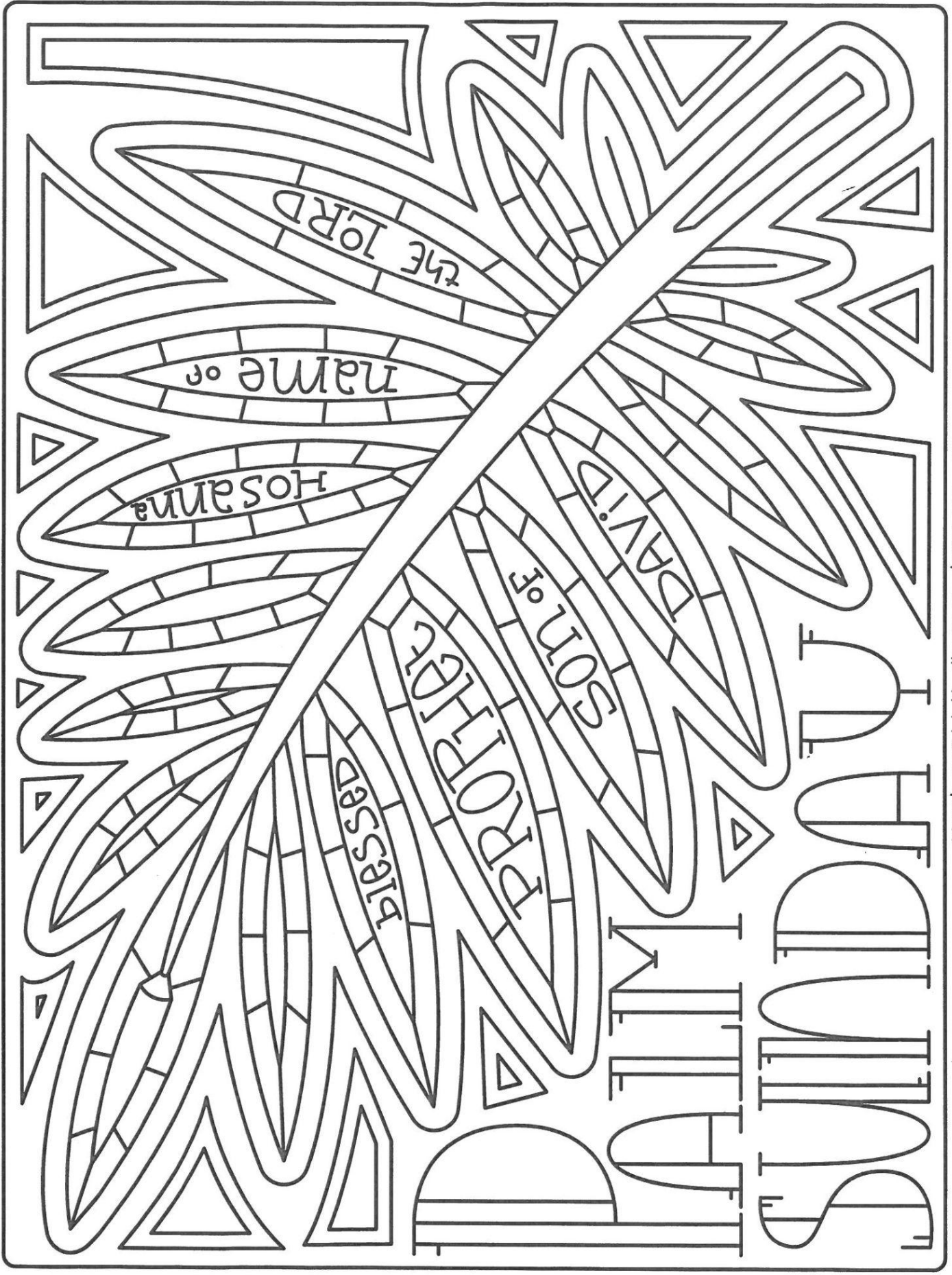
Imagine you are with the crowds as Jesus rides into town on a donkey. Draw what you think Jesus looks like. What would you want to shout as you praise Jesus? Write those words and phrases below.

# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 21 in the word search below. Words may go up OR down and forward OR backward.

C D F W I C O L T I T N D U U  
 K A B Y R Q T N U O M W U D  
 J P W E E K X Z F O S B K U  
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| JERUSALEM | LORD      | PALM     |
| MOUNT     | PROPHET   | BRANCH   |
| ENTER     | DISCIPLES | HOSANNA  |
| UNITE     | COLT      | BLESSING |
| DONKEY    | CLOTHES   | SHOUT    |
| JESUS     | CROWD     | DAVID    |





## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

### April 6 Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm In Person & Livestream

- The night Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Jesus humbled himself to wash disciples' feet

### April 7 Good Friday - 7:00 pm In Person & Livestream

- Tenebrae - service of shadows
- Scripture & hymns tell stories about the betrayal, trial, crucifixion, death of Jesus

### April 9 Easter Sunrise Worship - 7:00 am in church garden

- Worship in the garden
- Communion
- Bring your own chair to sit in garden
- Continental breakfast follows

### April 9 Easter Worship - 9:30 am In Person & Livestream

- Brass Quartet
- Communion
- Walk the Easter Story in the Garden, before or after worship



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