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**OAK GROVE**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**April 5, 2020**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**10:45 AM**

## We Assemble in God's Name

**Prelude** "Praise to the Lord" Nancy Hauser & Judy Cooper  
"All Hail the Power"

**Thoughts to Ponder** "Blessed is the One" (from *Circle of Grace*) Jan Richardson

Blessed is the One who comes to us by the way of love poured out with abandon.	Blessed is the One who walks toward us by the way of grace that holds us fast.	Blessed is the One who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the path of joy.
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**Welcome and Announcements** Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** Dick Nichols

One: The crowds gathered as Jesus rode into Jerusalem.

They came from all over! When they saw Jesus, they shouted,

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna!**

One: We, too, gather today, not in person, with palms waving and choir  
processing, but in our homes, apart from crowds, many alone. God is  
with us. God transcends time and space, and we offer our praise and lift  
our voices this day,

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna!**

**Hymn No. 196** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*Refrain:*

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

**Unison Prayer**

Dick Nichols

God of all nations, as we begin Holy Week, surround us with your love in this difficult time. Bring peace to all who suffer. Strengthen all who serve. Open our hearts to seek your will in all we do and say. Remind us that we are not alone, but you are with us always. In Christ's name we pray.  
**AMEN**

**We Hear God's Word**

**A Time with Children**

Anne Fisher

**Virtual Sending Song**

"Near or Far"

J McKinnon

Near or far apart,  
You're always in my heart.  
God's love is here to stay,  
Close and far away.

Resting in God's peace,  
Praying for God's hope,  
Serving God's joy,  
United in God's love.

**Special Music**

"Filled with Excitement"

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11

Mary Koon

**Sermon**

"Of Parades and Pandemics"

Mary Koon

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Anne Fisher

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen

**Offering Our Lives to God**

Anne Fisher

**Offering Music**

“Hosanna, Hosanna”

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Dick Nichols

**We offer the gift of our lives to you, O God, in grateful response to your love. May we be guided by your grace and filled with your peace to face the week ahead. We pray in the name of the One in whom we trust, Jesus Christ. AMEN**

### **We Go in God's Name**

**Hymn**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful 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 victor 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.**

**Benediction**

Mary Koon

**Choral Response**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**Prelude**

“Fantasia on St. Theodulph”

Nancy Hauser & Judy Cooper

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Additional participants in today’s worship include:  
Vocalists, **Emma Wasko** and **Dick Nichols**;  
Sound, Light, Video, **Brandon McKinnon**.

**Please note** that Pastor Anne, Pastor Mary and Britta Weber are now working from home during the week. Bookkeeper, Anne Swenson, and Music Director, Judy Cooper, will be in the office only as needed. The office is closed per the Governor’s direction. **Please call before you come to the church (952-888-4621).**

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- The Self-Development of People partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

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