**California Heights United Methodist Church**

**Sunday April 5th, 2020**

**Palm Sunday**

**Greeting:**

Greetings! And welcome to Cal Heights Church Online!

Hosanna in the highest!
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**Prelude: The Palms**  J.B. Fore

**Announcements:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

Hosanna in the highest!
**Hosanna in the highest!**Hosanna to Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!
**Hosanna in the highest!**Hosanna to the Son of David!
**Hosanna in the highest!**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
**Hosanna in the highest!**Blessed is the one who brings hope during difficult times!
**Hosanna in the highest!**Hosanna in the highest heaven!
**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!**

**Opening Prayer :**

God our hope, today we remember that when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem the people shouted hosannas and proclaimed him as king. Help us to honor him every day, choose him as our leader, and follow him in the way that leads to new life; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Special Music The Holy City** F.E. Weatherly & Stephen Adams

**Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11**

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying 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. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4This 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.”

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The 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!”

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

This is the word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message: Longing For a Party!**  Pastor Doug Dickson

**Responsive Hymn:**  **Jesus Call Us**

**Pastoral Prayer: (Added to Print Bulletin)**

Almighty God, hear our prayers for the Church and for the world.
Grant that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,
     live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world.
Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
     that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
     that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
     and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,
     and grant that we may serve Christ in them,
     and love one another as Christ loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
     give them courage and hope in their troubles,
     and bring them the joy of your salvation.

In mercy, receive all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled;
     and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray all these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Holy Communion:**

**Offertory: Jesus, Still Lead On** D Cherwien

**Closing Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story**

**Benediction**

**Participating in Today’s Service:**

Pastor: Pastor Douglas A Dickson

Soloist: Anna DeMichelle

Organist: James Petri

Liturgists: Madison Dickson, Aidan Dickson, Kylie Dickson

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