

**April 5, 2020**  
**Palm Sunday Worship:**

**Welcome: Pastor Ken**

**Announcements: Lynda Butek**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Lynda Butek**

**One:** This is the day which God has made.

**Many:** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**One:** Blessed are those who enter in God's name.

**Many:** **We bless you from the house of the Sovereign One!**

**One:** O give thanks to God, for God is good.

**Many:** **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**One:** AMEN

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sin, and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Together, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbors.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Daily we awaken to the new life you give us, yet we fail to be thankful for the rest we have received. Moments await our decision to serve you, yet time passes away as we think only of ourselves. Our routine affords us the chance to minister to others, yet we are absorbed with our own self-improvement. The day is soon passed; it has been much the same as the others. Forgive us for casting aside the precious time you have given.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear these words of assurance: Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he "did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped." Rather, "he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even unto death on a cross." He died for us, so that we might have life and approach God's throne of judgment cleansed of our sin.

...Friends hear and believe the Good News:

**Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and “The Lord’s Prayer”**

**...Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.**

**AMEN**

**SCRIPTURE: Lynda Butek**

**Psalm 118: 1; 19-29**

**A Song of Victory**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying 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. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> “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." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd<sup>[b]</sup> spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**SERMON: "Who Is that Guy?"**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

**COMMISSION:**

**GO IN PEACE, AND SERVE THE LORD. AMEN**