

PALM SUNDAY

A watercolor painting of a palm branch with several long, pointed leaves. The leaves are painted in various shades of green, from light lime to dark forest green, with some yellow highlights. The background is a mix of light blue and pale yellow, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The painting is framed by a dark blue border.

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord."* -Psalm 118

artwork by Jan Avery

*He took the last road out of Bethany,
He'd never been that way before;
Up ahead, a house of destiny,
With a crown of thorns hung on the door,
And while you stand there wondering what to do,
There goes Judas, he's gonna make a hero out of you.*

— BERT MARSHALL (*"Unsung"*)

Gathering Music

Entrance of the Palm Parade

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship (*Ernesto Barros Cardoso, Brazil*)

God of life, prepare our hands for a touch,

A new, a different touch

Prepare our hands for a touch,

A touch of encounter

A touch of awakening

A touch of hope

A touch of compassion

Many are the worn-out gestures

Many are the movements frozen in time

Many are the useless excuses just to repeat the same attitudes

Give us daring to create new titles of community

New links of affection

Breaking away from old ways of relating

Encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into wholeness.

Opening Hymn &
Procession of the Palms*

All Glory Laud & Honor

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WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading

Luke 19.28–40

Young Disciples Time

Sung Response*

In The Lord - Songs & Prayers of Taize

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (sing 3 times)

Meditation

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

Ride On, King Jesus

see insert

Praying with the Psalms

Psalm 118.19–29

Response: ***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

Silence

Prayers of the People - Your Joys & Concerns

Please come forward to light a prayer candle for your joy or concern during the singing

O Lord, Hear My Prayer - Songs & Prayers of Taize

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem

Don't Listen to the Hammer Ring

Chancel Choir

Sung Response*

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication*

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Closing Hymn*

All Glory, Laud, & Honor

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Benediction*

Postlude *Please be seated as the light is carried out and the Postlude is played*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeter: *Chris Perry*

Ushers: *Linda & Tom Comstock, David Cary, Peter Anthony*

Layreader: *Linda Rodriquez*

Coffee Hour: *Easter Potluck*

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