

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn "In the Cross of Christ" #408 green hymnal

*Benediction

*Response

Organ Postlude:

*Congregation: Please rise in body or in spirit.



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

**Lord Jesus,
as we worship you today,
save us from empty praise;
save us from superficiality;
save us from following the crowd;
save us from being fickle;
save us from pride;
save us from ourselves;
save us NOW, we pray.
Amen.**

Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us

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April 14, 2019

10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

CALLING EACH OTHER TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

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Opening Hymn: "All Glory Laud and Honor" #415 green hymnal

Calling God into Our Hearts, Minds, and Spirits (unison)

Litany of Confession (Luke 19)

Lord Jesus,

We are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end.

Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 118) - The Lord is our strength and might.

Jesus is our salvation. **In Jesus our sins are forgiven.**

In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem

A Time for the Child In Us All

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "The Old Rugged Cross" #317 green hymnal

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 118: 1,2, 19-29** **Luke 19: 28-40**

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "LEAVING BEFORE THE GAME IS OVER"

Anthem

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using **debts** and **debtors**)

Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

Hymn of Praise:

"The Doxology"

***Prayer of Dedication:**

What can we offer that you have not already offered us?

What can we do that you have not already done for us?

Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and serve you. In both your triumph and your suffering, you deserve our praise. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever you go. Amen.