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### Bulletin

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**April 9, 2017**

**Palm Sunday**

**8:45 am**

#### **Thought for the day**

*“We clasp the hands of those who go before us, and the hands of those who come after us; we enter the little circle of each other’s arms, and the larger circle of lovers whose hands are joined in a dance, and the larger circle of all creatures, passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance, to a music so subtle and vast that no ear hears it except in fragments.”*

—Wendell Berry

#### **\*Gathering Songs**

*“Nothing Compares to the Glory”*

*“In Christ Alone” W&S 3105*

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

#### **Processional of Palms**

Leader, Vs. 1, Congregation joins Vs. 2 & 3

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

-UMH 278

#### **\*Call to Worship**

A voice speaks to us in our dreams, beckoning, warning;

**Are we talking with ourselves, or is God speaking to us?**

In the night our minds wrestle with worries and hopes;

**Could there be something holy in that?**

In the brightness of the morning, we seek a word from God;

**Let us be attentive to the voice of God this day. And let us worship God.**

**Scripture** *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 in the Old Testament*

-Ranae Mathias

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us.  
For the Word of God within us,

**People: Praise be to God.**

#### **Time with Children**

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.

#### **Song**

*“Majesty”*

#### **Community Prayer**

**Merciful God, we cannot possibly grasp the meaning of the Incarnation. You emptied yourself to become one of us, and you walked among us to experience the full range of human emotion. You humbled yourself and suffered in our place. We are proud where you were humble. We avoid pain and disappointment and suffering where you embraced it for the sake of love. Forgive us, gracious God. Renew and restore us that we might walk the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Amen.**



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### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Special Music

*"The Lord Is My Light"*

-Praise Disciples

### Scripture *Matthew 21:1-11 in the New Testament*

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

### Message

*"The Mis-Guided Feast"*

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

### Offering our Gifts

### Song of Blessing (Doxology)

-UMH 569, Vs. 4, Refrain

*"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*

### Offertory Prayer

**Generous God, you have withheld no good gift from us, graciously pouring out your love, mercy, faithfulness, joy and peace. Thank you for giving us all that truly matters. In humble gratitude we offer back the fruits of our labor, but more importantly, we offer you our hearts. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.**

### \*Song of Sending

*"Were You There"*

-UMH 288

### Benediction

*At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction.*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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### ***This Sunday...***

\*Acolyte: Christian; Video Tech: Jake Henselmeier and Sound Tech: Trent Hamlin. \*Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

*Flowers are given by Paul and Susan Hernandez in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (April 11).*