

# Monroe United Methodist Church

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10:45 Worship

## The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE The Power of the Cross Anna Smith, flute  
All Glory, Laud and Honor Bell Choir

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Help me understand today's celebration, Lord.  
It appears you're victorious because people are waving branches.  
You're humble because you're riding a donkey.  
It appears you have the power of the people, but you won't stop until you've  
shown the power of God is greater than the grave.  
Help me look beyond appearances and see the truth. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS Baruch Haba Paul Wilbur  
**Baruch haba B'shem Adonai, blessed is he who comes;**  
**Baruch haba B'shem Adonai, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Now arise, O Lord, come to your resting place,**  
**you and the Ark of your might;**  
**then we will rejoice as we're clothed with your righteousness**  
**and celebrate aloud.** ©1987 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

### CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honor # 280

### UNISON PRAYER

O God, you are compassionate and merciful. You don't give us the  
punishment we deserve; in fact you give us grace we don't deserve.  
We name of name of Jesus while our actions betray him  
We claim to be his disciples while we disregard his teachings.  
Our lips sing out "Hosanna!" while our lives shout "Crucify him!"  
We talk about grace and mercy for ourselves while we are stingy

to give it to others.

For these – and all our sins – forgive us through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

## The Church Hears God's Word

HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

GOSPEL READING Luke 19: 28-41, The Message

After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem.  
When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called  
Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the  
village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt  
tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If  
anyone says anything, asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'His Master  
needs him.' "

The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the  
colt, its owners said, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

They said, "His Master needs him."

They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its  
back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a  
grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street.

Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the  
whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the  
mighty works they had witnessed:

Blessed is he who comes, the king in God's name!  
All's well in heaven! Glory in the high places!

Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, get your  
disciples under control!"

But he said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them,  
shouting praise."

When the city came into view, he wept over it. "If you had only  
recognized this day, and everything that was good for you! But now  
it's too late. In the days ahead your enemies are going to bring up  
their heavy artillery and surround you, pressing in from every side.  
They'll smash you and your babies on the pavement. Not one stone  
will be left intact. All this because you didn't recognize and welcome  
God's personal visit."

Going into the Temple he began to throw out everyone who had set up shop, selling everything and anything. He said, "It's written in Scripture,

My house is a house of prayer;  
You have turned it into a religious bazaar."

From then on he taught each day in the Temple. The high priests, religion scholars, and the leaders of the people were trying their best to find a way to get rid of him. But with the people hanging on every word he spoke, they couldn't come up with anything.

CANTATA	What Love is This?	Lloyd Larson
	Suffering Servant – Conquering King	Brad Nix
Julie Shipe McClain, director		Mary McDonald
Nanci Valentino, accompanist		Marty Parks
Jeff Ritter, narrator		Larry Shackley

Sing Forth His Glorious Name	Gethsemane
Hiding in the Shadows	What Love Is This?
A Price We Can Pay	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Do This in Remembrance	

## The Church Responds to God

### SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

OFFERING                      Lamb of God                      Anna Smith, flute

### RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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.**

HYMN                      When I Survey the Wondrous Cross                      #298

### DEPART WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE                      Lord of the Dance                      Anna Smith, flute

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Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)  
Our church exists so that all people might  
find the Way, know the Truth, and experience the Life!"

### APRIL STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

If you want to feel rich, count all the things you have  
that money didn't buy.

Life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the  
ravens: they neither sow nor reap... and yet God feeds them.  
Luke 12:23, 24

4/14      Sunday 10:45      Cantata (minus last two pieces)