

Monroe United Methodist Church

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8:00 Worship

The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE The Power of the Cross Anna Smith, flute

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, ©1987 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor #280

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Hosanna!

HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

SPECIAL MUSIC Lamb of God Anna Smith, flute

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11, ESV

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

SERMON

The Church Responds to God

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

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

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DEPART WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance

Anna Smith, flute



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

It's impossible to feel thankful and negative
emotions at the same time.

I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30