

Offering our Lives to Serve Christ

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

A Celebration of Ministry with Judy VanderMeer

Offertory

The Power of the Cross

*Doxology #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Lord, today we remember Jesus' triumphant ride from the Mount of Olives. Jesus obediently gave everything so that we could live a life worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage and the determination to be your obedient disciples. Instill within us the desire to proclaim, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord." Increase our generosity so that these monetary gifts may be transformed into inspired ministries. In the name of the Sacrificial Lamb, your only son, we pray. Amen.

We Take the Word into the World

*Hymn 280

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Blessing

Go in peace, trusting in Christ's promise that we will be with in paradise.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.

Holy Week Continued Readings

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; I Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; I Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016 9:00 am

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

We are so thankful to gather together for worship today. Please complete the communication card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. You may add your prayers on the card. Also, let us know if you plan to participate in the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal by noting that on your Communication Card. If you need anything, please let an usher know. God bless you!

Children's Processional

We're Leading the Way for the King of Kings
by Ruth Elaine Schram

*Call to Worship

One: They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus;
and after throwing their cloaks on the cold, they set Jesus on it.

**All: As he rode along,
people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.**

One: As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**All: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

One: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered them:

All: I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Hymn 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

We Receive the Word

Prayer of Preparation

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

Anthem

Ride On! Ride On!

Words by Mary Kay Beall, Music by Charles Yannerella

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn 395

Take Time To Be Holy

Prayers of Intercession

God in the highest, you came to us in a human being
who humbled himself like a slave.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

We pray for the nations that worship power and might;
may they be ruled by humility and peace.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may have the mind of Christ.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

We pray for the victims of human tragedies and disasters of nature.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

We pray for those who are in prison—
the repentant and the unrepentant and those falsely accused.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

We pray for those who are ill or infirmed or are rejected
because they are seen to be weak.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

God of compassion, through Jesus Christ you have come to us and shared our
common lot. Mold us into people who show your mercy and keep us obedient to him
whose name is above all other names— Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.