**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

**\*Please stand if able…**

PRELUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This day is the Lord’s, created for joy.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Hosanna to Christ, the blessed child of God.

**People: Hosanna to God in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name.

**People: Hosanna to God in the highest!**

Leader: This day is the Lord’s, created for love.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*OPENING HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  278

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God’s Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade, Jesus sits astride a**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

March 31st DeEtta Annala

April 7th Deborah Ross-Jaguncih

April 14th Sue Malevich

**USHER SCHEDULE**

March 31st Deborah Ross-Jaguncih

April 7th Don and Terri Peterson

April 14th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

March 25th-31st John and Norma Z.

April 1st-7th Jagunich

April 8th-14th Matteson

Scripture Readings for next week (March 31st)

Psalm 118:14-24 (UMH 839-840)

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Coffee An’ will be on April 14th… Warren, MaryAnn and Lyle will be serving.

Good Friday Service will be on Friday, March 29th at 4:00 p.m. This is a very special service – please join us.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held at the Trinity UMC in Hoyt Lakes at 5:00 p.m. Our church is welcome to join them in this service.

We are now using ushers again – so check the bulletin and newsletters for the Usher schedule.

Today is the last day to give to the Quad City Food Shelf. This is the time of year when all donations are matched. The weight of all food items donated is doubled. Likewise, gifts are also doubled. Food shelf organization have access to sources and suppliers at much reduced rates, purchasing groceries at up to seven times the buying power of a normal grocer store.

**donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day! AMEN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today we celebrate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. They have thrown their cloaks in the path of the donkey that his steps might be cushioned. And the scene is wonderful. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout “Hosanna!”, we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who have needed help, because it wasn’t convenient for us to be of help of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our live around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. AMEN**

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 839-840

\*HYMN: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* 277

CHILDREN’S TIME

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Time of Silent Prayers…**

**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 and ever. AMEN**

\*HYMN: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* 280

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-11

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

\*HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*  64

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**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**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. AMEN**

BENEDICTION

**\***HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE