

The Entrance of Jesus into the Holy City of Jerusalem + The Cleansing of the Temple
The Last Supper + Holy Communion + Washing of the Feet
The Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus

# + The People of Mount Zion-Finksburg +

Wm. Louis Piel Pastor + Leslie Gabler, Director of Music Ushers Shirley Loveless & Judy Piel + Sammy, Eva, Jim

Palm/Passion Sunday in Holy Week + April 2, 2023+ Worship 9:55 a.m.



Musical Prelude Let us prepare for the worship of God by listening. + God is still speaking +

Palm Sunday Holy Scripture "The Gospel According to Luke 19.29-40

Palm Sunday Video "Hosanna" + The Maranatha Singers

Call to Worship (Unison)

Please turn to your Palm Sunday "Hosanna" flyer Read the "dark" congregational responses

Palm Sunday Hymn "All Glory, Laud & Honor" UM Hymnal #280

**Opening Prayer** 

**Anthem** "In the Name of the Lord + The Faithful Few

"Crowds have lined the narrow street to see the Man from Galilee, just a carpenter some say, Leading fools astray, yet many kneel to give Him praise....And He knows his Father's mind, He speaks his Father's words for He comes in the name of the Lord."

**Meditation** He (Jesus) knew what he was doing + Cleansing the (my & yours) Temple (I Cor.3.16)

#### We Welcome our Children

Even if we do not have children in congregational worship we remember all God's children. "Jesus loves me, This I know, for the Bible tells me so, Little ones to him belong, they are weak But He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes! Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so

### **Informal Moments + Reception of our Tithes & Offerings**

Offering Response (Hymnal #95) "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

### Morning Prayer and our Lord's Prayer (Unison) + Roger Davis

+ Our Prayer Song "Sanctuary" (#2164 "The Faith We Sing" songbook)
"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true, With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you." (repeat)

God of mystery and wonder,
because we know the ending of the story,
it's tempting for us
to ignore the darkness of this day.
It's tempting for us
to go about our business as usual.
It's tempting for us
to move too quickly
to the dawn of light on Easter morning.

But give us courage and strength on this day
to live for a while in the darkness,
to set aside comfort and pleasure,
to feel the darkness
in which so many of your children dwell,
the darkness into which your son Jesus entered.

#### (Unison)

(Let us pray the "Our Father" together)
Our Father, which 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 that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

**Meditation** The Holy Meal + His Words in Gethsemane + Obedient Even unto Death +

Hymn of His Passion "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" UM Hymnal #294 The altar candles are extinguished.

**Bread of Life Video "The Last Supper" (The breaking of Bread)** 

## Lighting the Candle of Jesus as the Light

"The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never and will never put it out"

## **Bread** + **Food for Our Journey**

The congregation is invited to come to the front and receive "bread for our journey" If you are unable to come - we will come to you. Video "The Old Rugged Cross"

A Moment of Silence Before We Depart - Please use our moment of silence as we give thanks to God for always being with us, even in the tough & hard moments of life. (Tune while we pause + "Where You There?)