

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Sixth Sunday in Lent— Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” PH #88

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you.

We are horrified by the suffering we cause to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.

Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord God helps us; **we will not be disgraced.**

The Lord God helps us; **who can declare us guilty?**

Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

RESPONSE

“Glory Be to the Father” PH #579

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

ANTHEM

“Hosanna and Hallelujah” SLUC Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON

“Jesus Christ is Lord”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” PH #89

OFFERING

“God’s Great Name We Praise” SLUC Joyringers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus” PH #93

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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.

POSTLUDE