

**Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.**

***Welcome To Worship***

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

April 13, 2025 ~ 9:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Randy Loy

CALL TO WORSHIP: Randy Loy

Look down the road! Here comes Jesus riding on a donkey!

**Let us glorify him by spreading and waving palm branches. Let us shout “Hosanna!”**

But let us not be fickle like those who may have praised him one day and in anger shouted, “Crucify him!” just a few days later.

**Yes, let us remember who Jesus truly is and how he came to save us from our sins.**

Such knowledge will comfort us both through the sad and solemn times during Lent and during the sad and difficult times of our lives.

**Let us celebrate Christ as our Savior by proclaiming “Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the Son of God! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

\*HYMN:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hymnal 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Donna Eichelberger  
Matthew 21: 1-11

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Giving Up Popularity"

Pastor Jeff

ANTHEM: "Hosanna"

Chancel Choir  
Karen Doerrler, Flutist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

\*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal 95

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Randy Loy

**God our Father, each day is for us a gift. A day when we can relish the lives, love and grace that you have given each of us. Please accept these gifts collected here today for your glory and as a token of our love for you and for your Son, Jesus Christ. And may this offering show our love for our fellow believers and for others that it may help in various ways in the future. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN: "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"

Hymnal 277

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff