

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 9, 2017 10:45 a.m.
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
Restore Us, O God! We Hope.

Gathering Hymns

HWB (blue) #106 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
HWB (blue) #237 *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Who is this who comes, celebrated by powerless children?

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!

Invocation

Hymn HWB (blue) #238 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Palm Branches Processional

Children's time

Offering

Confession and Words of Assurance:

Leader: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly—riding on a donkey.
In peace, you showed us the way of your kingdom.
We confess that our vision of the kingdom is not pure.
It is stained with our own selfish desires.

People: We shout hosannas to praise you—only out of our need to survive. We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you—only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when our mouths that seek to praise you often deny and defy you.

People: Renew in us an obedient spirit, that we may fully accept and follow your will.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our true Hope.

All: Restore us.

Leader: Our times are in your hands, O God. Let your face shine upon your servants who pursue your will, and save us in your unfailing love.

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 21:1-11

Congregational Prayer

Hymn STJ (green) #29 *You Are All We Have* (sing twice)

Sermon

Hymn HWB (blue) #239 *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty*

Entrance of the Cross

Benediction Hymn STJ (purple) #80 *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

Please leave in silence

Worship Participants

Pianist	Marie Burkholder
Song Leader	Lee Shantz
Worship Leader	Gordon Allaby
Children's Time	Gordon Allaby
Scripture Reader	Kat Allaby / Micah Beech
Sermon	Lisa Carr-Pries
Congregational Prayer	Ralph Brubacher
Sound	Scott Konkle
Ushers	Ryan Lebold / Lynn Rempel

Childcare - Infants to Age 4 – Staffed Childcare is available during worship in Nursery located outside the sanctuary. Ushers are available to assist you.

Head sets are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

Offering - For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Philippians 2:5-11: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 21:1-11: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying: “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.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”



With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.

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