

St. Paul's United Church
March 29th, 2015 – Palm Sunday
* = please stand as you are able

Prelude:

***Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
and also with you.

Procession MV 2 (*as many times as is needed*)
*Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come now and an worship the Lord!*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Open wide the gates of your hearts.
Let the Savior enter!
Shout with joy, all you people.
The Savior has come forth bringing peace.

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** This is the Day VU 412

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

*We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise!
Today we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. 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. We often turn from those who have needed help. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, God. 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.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Two candles burning, the shadows increase,
The mundane becomes monstrous, our fears grow.
For fear of losing the light, we often hide it from the world
But even the smallest light can show us the way. In hope, let us share that light!

Response Kindle A Flame(X2) VU 19
Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

Sixth candle is extinguished

Six candles not burning, recalling God's son,
Who came down to earth, was humbled at birth, was like everyone.
God gave him honour, we share through the word,
So people can see; that all here agree that Jesus is Lord.

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn There Is Room For All (X2) MV 62
*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all.*

Prayers of the People
Minute for Mission

***Hymn** Ride on Ride on In Majesty VU 127

Offertory

***Dedication Verse**

VU 542

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gifts may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

***Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

*We offer these gifts, O God, with joy and thanks. May they
strengthen your church for acts of love and service, in Jesus' name.*

AMEN

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 118 (VU 837, Parts 1, 3 and 4 no refrain)

Rev. Richard

Anthem

Message

***Hymn** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VU 123

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

The road has been long.

*We have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit.
There is much to be done.*

Go in peace, dear people of God.

*We go ready to proclaim with our lives that Jesus is Lord and
Savior. AMEN.*

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing**

VU 422

*God be with you till we meet again.
Loving Councils guide uphold you.
With a shepherds care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet.
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude