



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Collis

WELCOME

INTROIT: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" – Rick Martin

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

In Tillsonburg, as we gather on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples, dating back countless generations, we acknowledge the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, showing respect for the long-standing relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers."

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We praise you, O God for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

All: Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
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1. You are the King of Israel and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and blessed one. **(Refrain)**
2. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **(Refrain)**
3. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**
4. Their praises, you accepted accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King! **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long, and like you, we have longed to enter the Holy City. We invite you to come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praises to you.

All: **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Jesus keep us near the cross, as we sing and say our hosannas today, we know they will fade into quiet indifference and even silent betrayal this week, if not today. Jesus keep us near the cross, for all the events and persons of Holy Week seem so very familiar: but praise will turn to jeers, there will be arguing about greatness, jockeying for a better place, sleeping instead of praying, the comfortable feel of thirty pieces of silver betrayal, the choosing of the other Jesus - the Barabbas's of our days, the words of denial that fit into our mouths and hearts. Forgive our weaknesses, we pray through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation. In Jesus our sins are forgiven. In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: **We give thanks to our God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S FOCUS:

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: The Hymnary # 607 "Children of Jerusalem" (vs.1 & refrain)

1. Children of Jerusalem and the praise of Jesus' Name:
Children, too, of modern days join to sing the Savior's praise.

Refrain: Hark, hark, hark! While infant voices sing, Hark, hark, hark!
While infant voices sing loud hosannas, loud hosannas,
Loud hosannas to our King.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES:	Gospel:	Mark 11:1-11 pg. 47
	Reader:	Living God, we thank you for your Word.
	All:	Amen.

SELECTION: The Galilean - Rick Martin

SERMON: "A Man on the Move" Rev'd Karlene Brown-Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 538 "God of All Good" (vs.1 & 2)

1. God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew
That our whole life is offered to your will
2. We give our mind to understand Your ways;
Hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design;
Hearts with the flame of your own love ablaze:
Till for your glory all our powers combine.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

As we rejoice in the triumphal entry of Jesus, we celebrate the effectiveness of our gifts, which are the means of healing, the symbols of compassion, the way of the gospel and the sign of hope. Bless O God that palm and cross may renew us in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers, and create in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.

All: **Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.**

One: Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness, and found in human form;

All: **we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine or terror.**

One: Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death;

All: **we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within these borders. Bless us with your humility.**

One: Lord Jesus your humility and love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life.

All: **We pray for those who we love, and have died, and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.**

One: In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name;

All: **we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace.**

One: We also pray, in your name O Lord, for those who are known to us who are sick;

All: **give them the gift of healing, strength, and life.**

One: You humbled yourself in the manger and you humbled yourself on the cross;

All: **To you O Lord we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Written by Rick Morley,

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/prayers-of-people-palm-sunday.htm>

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: VU # 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the happy children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victory palm branch waving, and singing clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Content that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. 'Hosanna in the highest!' That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his humble presence eternally rejoice!

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: Go now in joy! Remember the day of celebration when Jesus boldly and humbly rode into the city of fear and anger. Do not fear. Do not be afraid. Go in peace.

All: **AMEN! With shouts of hosanna, we go!**

POSTLUDE



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**We welcome all who join us for in-person worship today and online.**  
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Everyone is invited to join for fellowship and refreshments in the Friendship Room down the hall after today's service. Members of the UCW are hosting today.



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**In our thoughts and prayers this week is:**

Jim Withington, Margaret Vanderzweerde and her granddaughter Emily.

### ~~~~~ Upcoming Easter Services

March 28 - Holy Thursday - 6:00 p.m. – FR      March 29 – Good Friday at 10:30 a.m.  
March 31 - Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. FR and 10:30 a.m.



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'94' Happy Birthday wishes go out to Blanche Mabée celebrating on March 25, also Harvey Elliott turning '92' and Margaret Vanderzweerde '88' on March 27. Desmond Palmer is celebrating his birthday on March 28.



Congratulations to **Tim and Linda Stafford** on their 47th Wedding Anniversary.

We wish you all happy celebrations on your special day!

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The flowers today will be delivered to shut-in folks.  
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The UCW are selling geraniums again this year. They will be \$3.50 each. The colours available will be red, white, pink, and coral. Delivery date is May 11. If you wish to order geraniums please call either Rita Van Lamoen (519-842-9271) or Wilma Jeffery (519-688-0065). Thank you for your support.





The UCW Friendship Circle (formerly UCW Unit 6)
 will meet Wednesday, March 27 at 1 p.m. in the Friendship room
 Guest speaker: Rev. Bonnie Pilkey Program: Easter

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**The Lenten Special Offering**  
 will be divided equally between the Tillsonburg **Helping Hand Food bank** and the **United Church World Development Fund** unless otherwise directed.



The **Easter Special Offering** will be divided equally between  
**United Church Healing Fund** and **Tillsonburg Salvation Army** unless otherwise directed.

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Helping Hand Foodbank needs for March



Garbage bags – black and white ones (not for clients)		
Instant jars of coffee	Small jars of whitener	Instant oatmeal
Cookies	Mayonnaise	Pancake mix & syrup
Tuna & canned meats	Canned tomatoes	snacks for kids lunches
Granola bars		

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**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

**Sponsored by St Paul's United Church AOTS Club**  
**SATURDAY, April 13th, 2024**

\$15 Adults, Children 12 and under \$8

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

MEMBERS, CHURCH OFFICE OR AT THE DOOR

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

Proceeds to Fund Community Youth Activities

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Please think of St. Paul's when 'cleaning out' your home; we could probably use it for our yard sale scheduled for Saturday June 8th from 9-1. We will be sorting the goods in the choir room.

We take anything and everything in 'good condition'.

The UCW will once again have a 'bake table'. We will have BBQ'd hot dogs etc. etc. also.

Items can be dropped off from 10:30 A.M. until noon on Wednesdays and Fridays. The items can be left at the Bidwell entrance inside the doors not blocking the entrance please. They can be put on the trolley and we will get them downstairs for sorting.

Now we just need a 'good weather' day on June 8th!

Thank you in advance for your co-operation." Lesley, Brenda and Karon

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For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0011) with Hospital name and details to let our minister know so she can follow-up with a visit or a phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss you.



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| <b>DID<br/>YOU<br/>KNOW?</b> | ...that the Pastoral Care Team visits members in Retirement Homes, Nursing Homes and some at their own home? |
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