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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE  
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

March 28, 2021 + Palm/Passion Sunday + 10:00 AM

**Bolded text** - said in unison by all  
\* If able, please stand where indicated.

**UMH** - *United Methodist Hymnal*

**TFWS** – *The Faith We Sing*

**CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**Prelude**

*"The Palms" – Jean Baptiste Faure*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord—not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

**People: We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.**

Leader: Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

**People:** Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use.  
We are Christ's servants and may we be of the same mind.  
**All:** We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.  
Praise be unto God!

### \*Opening Hymn

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

UMH 166

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought, and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a servant that we might be free, humbling thyself to death on Calvary: Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Opening Prayer

Leader: Holy One, Author of New Life, open our hearts, minds, and souls to enter again into this sacred journey of Christ's passion and death. Help us walk in the way of Jesus. Help us find our place on this path. Invite our hearts to be moved and our faith to be stirred. In Jesus's holy name we pray. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotions of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives.

**People:** Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us.  
Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises;  
help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children;  
help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

### Words of Assurance

Leader: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope. In the name of Christ you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

### Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Message**

Dr. Leslie Lester

**Responsive Hymn**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

TFWS 2071

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

**CALLED TO THE WORD**

**\*Psalter Reading**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Hymn of Illumination**

*Spirit Song*

UMH 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs

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**Epistle Lesson**

Philippians 2:5-11

Vidal Guzman

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.

**\*Gospel Lesson**

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 fulfil 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.'

**Sermon****"Who Is He?"**

Rev. Myungim Kim

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ****CALLED TO SHARE****Offering****\*Doxology***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication****CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD****\*Closing Hymn***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

UMH 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.

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!"

**\*Sending Forth**

Rev. Myungim Kim

**\*Circle of Blessing***Shalom to You*

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude***"Ride On in Majesty" – David Paxton****Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.***