



Sermon Series: Come Alive
Above and Beyond
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Palm Sunday

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOMING OF GUEST
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

Congregation: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Liturgist: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

Congregation: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Liturgist: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Congregation: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory Laud and Honor (v. 1-5)

UMH #280

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)

Liturgist

"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, we celebrate today just as those people celebrated in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. This is the day that You have made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:8-11 (NKJV)

Liturgist

And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (v. 1-5)

UMH #269

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM

When You Say Nothing At All

Sheila Novak

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Come Alive: A Life-Changing Journey Through Holy Week

Theme: Palm Sunday

Main Idea: Above and Beyond

**Please stand as you are able.*

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER\

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Lift High the Cross (v. 1-4)

UMH #159

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

Friends, Go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God's love endures forever...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Love and Fellowship

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