

**St. Timothys United Methodist Church**  
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**March 16, 2008 – 10:15 am**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

*(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children who have not entered First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)*

### Gathering

**Prelude** "The Holy City" Adams  
(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

### **Greeting and Welcome**

### Liturgy of the Palms

**\*Palm Sunday Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Red hymnal, 280

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Crowds, crammed, crushed, congregate.

**People: Mass, multitude, mayhem, melee.**

North side: Pushing, pressing, rolling, pulling.

South side: Shouting, shoving, screaming, screeching.

Leader: Hallelujah! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

**People: Redeem us, rescue us, relieve us, release us.**

**Palm Sunday Gospel** Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible, 23

**Anthem** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" – Threlfall/arr. Shepperd Chancel Choir

### **Unison Prayer**

*Loving God, we gladly join the crowds shouting in triumphant praise. Yet a cloud hangs over this day, for we know what lies ahead. Be with us, God, in this holy week. As we read again the story of Jesus' suffering and death, fill us with awe, with appreciation, with commitment. We pray in his name. Amen.*

## Praying

**Call to Prayer** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Black hymnal, 2193

### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**Lord, listen to your children praying.**")

### **Silent Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (sing responsively) Black hymnal, 2278

### **\*Passing the Peace**

## From Palms to Passion

**From Palms to Passion** Making a cross from our palm leaves

### Liturgy of the Passion

**Scripture Song** "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" Black hymnal, 2111 (1-3)

**Christian Gospel** Matthew 27:27-54 Pew Bible, 32

**Scripture Song** "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" Black hymnal, 2111 (4)

**Sermon** "Two Processions, Two Kings, Two Kingdoms" Dick Clark

**Sermon Response** "Were You There" Red hymnal, 288 (1)

## Responding to the Passion

### **Opportunities and Announcements**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Liturgist

In the eighth century Andrew of Crete wrote: "It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots or trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, with the whole Christ – for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ' – so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet." – from *Fathers to the Churches*, ed. Brother Kenneth, CGA, Collins Liturgical Publications, London, 1988.

**Offertory** "Could You Not Watch With Me?" Kendall

**\*Dedication Hymn** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red hymnal, 95  
(Tune: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – Red hymnal, 298)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

***Gracious God, not palm branches or cloaks spread on dusty roadways, but checks, bills, and coins are the offering we make. Let them be symbols of our readiness to walk the difficult way, to share the cross for Jesus' sake. Amen.***

**Going Forth**

**\*Closing Song**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

Red hymnal, 292

(Verse 1 – all; Verse 2 – women only; Verse 3 – men only; Verse 4 – all)

**\*Blessing**

The way has begun. This time next week the world will be different, but the journey has to be traveled. Go now in the shadow of the promise, with the God who has already traveled and will travel again, the same path, in the name of love. It is a violent and disturbing week: the heart will be torn out of the universe, but the promise is that it will beat again. Go, and all God's peace be with you. **Amen.**

*-from Seasons of the Spirit*

**\*Blessing Response**

*"Were You There"*

Red hymnal, 288 (1)

**\*Postlude**

*"Introduction to 'The Mount of Olives'"*

Beethoven

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand

+ = *The United Methodist Hymnal (red)*    ++ = *The Faith We Sing (black)*

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