Zion United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

NARRATIVE Mark 11:1-10

INTROIT Hosannas, Laud, and Honor Zion Bell Choir arranged by: Lloyd Larson

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us join the voices of the crowd, "Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!"

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

L: Blessed is he who enters our space this day, and who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna in the highest!

† HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor UMH #280

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our Redeemer, you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross. By your Holy Spirit, illume our lives with your Word so, as the Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1, 19-29

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:1-2, 12-25

¹ It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." 12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." 19 They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. 24 He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

MESSAGE

"I'm Still Confused"

Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION & CONFESSION

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY COMMUNION

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

MEDITATION When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arranged by: Sandra Eithun

Zion Bell Choir

READING OF THE PASSION NARATIVE

Mark 14:32-15:25

† HYMN Were You There

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† BENEDICTION

