# SERVICE OF THE WORD PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

## First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus | Traditional Service March 24, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE March of the Priests by Felix Mendelssohn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Refrain, vs. 1, Refrain)

**UMH 280** 

**UMH 278** 

*Refrain:* All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (sing refrain)

\*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

\*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM - Rev. Lance Richards
Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE) Courtney Hutchins

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Holy Week Invitation Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Hosanna to the King! by Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!

#### Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

\*OFFERING RESPONSE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 4) **UMH 298** Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

\*HYMN OF FAITH In Christ Alone W&S 3105

In Christ alone, my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died our debt to sin was satisfied: for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand. 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 15:1-39 Rev. Lance Richards

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Follow Where Christ is Leading Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Rev. Amanda Davis

**UMH 338** 

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

Where He Leads Me

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION

I can hear my Savior calling,

"take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. (sing refrain)

I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. (sing refrain)

He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way. (sing refrain)

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Where He Leads Me (Refrain) UMH 338

\*Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,

where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

POSTLUDE

O God be merciful to me

by J. S. Bach, BWV 721

#### CRADLE CROSS

The cradle cross on the altar today celebrates the birth March 14, 2024 of Jack William Scheel, son of Madison and Alex Scheel and grandson of Jill and Bill Scheel.

### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

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