

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, Worship Guide

Pre-recorded worship premieres on-line at 8:30 a.m., [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org).

In-person worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary

## We Gather to Worship God

### Call to Worship

As the ragtag crowd shouted in joy to welcome their humble king into the holy city—

**So may our hearts be filled with joy to greet Christ, our King, wherever we are.**

As Jesus wept over Jerusalem while the powerful and privileged schemed to kill him—

**So may we weep for our communities, for twisted symbols of control and outrage,  
and for all of us who know not what we may yet do.**

As we gather in worship on this Palm Sunday—

**May we find the grace and the courage to travel together with Jesus  
through each moment of this holy week, all the way to Easter resurrection.**

### Opening Hymn: “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*” UMH 278

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!

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## We Share the Story of God

### Sharing from the Gospel of Mark 11:1-11

Joy Jorgensen

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their cloaks on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields.

Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*” Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Common English Bible

### Sharing the Story in Song: “*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.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee, and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love light of Jesus' face.

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!”

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### Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## We Respond to God

### Musical Response: “Hosanna” W&S 3079

Jim and Jean Strathdee

Hosanna (hosanna), hosanna (hosanna).

*Refrain:* Hosanna (hosanna). *Hosanna to the King.*

We welcome him (we welcome him). We welcome him (we welcome him). *Refrain*

We'll follow him (we'll follow him). We'll follow him (we'll follow him). *Refrain*

We'll walk with him (we'll walk with him). To Calvary (to Calvary). *Refrain*

On Easter morn (on Easter morn), we'll share the news (we'll share the news.) *Refrain*

### Offering Our Gifts, Commitments, and Prayers

Please give online at [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org)

Or mail checks payable to: Memorial UMC, 1920 Lake Shore Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837

Please email prayer requests to [mumc@gladstonechurch.org](mailto:mumc@gladstonechurch.org) or call (906) 428-9311

## We Go, Blessed to Serve through Holy Week

### Blessing into Holy Week:

Receive the blessing of God, to whose kingdom we belong.

Receive the blessing of Jesus, who leads with humble service.

Receive the blessing of Spirit, who draws us together in love as we travel through this Holy Week.

### Hymn through Holy Week: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour, turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See Him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross. Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. “It is finished!” hear Him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay; all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away? Christ is risen! He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise.