



**April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Intergenerational Worship**

**~LIVESTREAMED TO FACEBOOK~**

**We are live streaming today's worship service on Facebook, so we want you to know that your presence here today is your agreement and consent to being part of that recording.**

**~Masks are optional in the building~**

*↑(Indicates a time when you are requested to stand in body or spirit.)*

*Silent Meditation*

*"Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead [on Ash Wednesday] are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings inevitably come from old false things that are allowed to die." - Richard Rohr*

*Welcome to Worship*

One: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,  
ALL: **We welcome you here.**

*Opening Comments*

*Announcements*

*Ringling of the Bell*

↑*Processional Music & Entrance of Palms* "Prepare Ye" Schwarts

↑*Call to Worship*

One: *We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.*

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

One: 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.

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

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

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

*(Adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman)*

↑Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Reading (Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, adapted from the NRSV)*

*Gospel Telling*

*Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVUE)*

*Introduction to Prayer Stations*

*Rev. Chelsea Page*

*Reading for Prayer Stations "The Tale of Three Trees" (Palestinian folktale)*

*Prayer Stations (created by Theresa Saecho of Still Waters; blessings by Jan Richardson)*

*Centering Song*

*"Stay with Me"*

*Taize*

**Stay with me, Remain here with me, Watch and pray, Watch and pray.**

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

*Offering Song*

*"Box Elder"*

*L. J. Booth*





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Participants in Worship:

**Readers: Heather Tolley, Rev. Chelsea Page, Tiffini Adams, Shelley McCall,  
Marilyn Dillard, Aubri Kinsey, Jesse Milner-Barraza; Slides: Gary Duran,  
Video: Chuck Dillard; Music: Twist of Faith**

Welcome visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us immediately after the service (downstairs in Mac Hall) for coffee and treats. We have free childcare for ages 0-3 in our nursery, next to the gender neutral bathroom.

### Upcoming Events

**The Seekers Spiritual Direction Group will meet today after worship - 11:30 -1:00 in the conference room.**

**Monday Meditation Group meets online Monday, April 3rd at 7 pm.**

**Prayer Shawl meets Wednesday, April 5th at 4:00 pm.**

**HUCC Choir rehearses Wednesdays, April 5th and 12th at 7 pm.**

**Progressive Christianity Discussion Group meets on Monday, April 10th at 7 pm in the Chapel and online.**