



Trinity United Church

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You are...Wanted...Valued...Included...Affirmed

Sunday, March 29th, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday – Hosanna!

5th Sunday in Lent



† indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

Bold indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship
Joyful Service – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hadih, Bundada honzoo, welcome in the name of The Christ.

All: Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of grace, and this holy sanctuary.

This place where we discern how to live into the way of Jesus.

All: We gather this morning to share in song, word, and prayer, to publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that we are all an expression of the divine's holy light.

Welcome to this community, with deep traditions and hearts open to God

All: Be present with God and with one another here

Be welcomed and receive this blessing of presence and connection.

LIFE & MINISTRY

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

One: Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh

Two: And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

Both together: Hosanna in the highest!

† HYMN: *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*(vs 1-4)

VU#128

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God, our creator, has crafted the cosmos with their voice

Many: Our lives are an echo of God's breath over the waters

One: In our United Church, we proclaim God's presence in a Song of Faith

Many: We sing the verses of this song through praise, worship and our living

One: Music is a sacred gift from The Holy One that reaches deep into our spirits

Many: We sing in lament, celebration, calling for justice, and rejoicing in the blessings we have.

One: Come, let us walk in this good way, let us belong to one another, just as we belong to God.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Unison)

God's love and grace is all around us; it is within us, entwining our spirits together in sacred community where each person is affirmed just as they are. We sing of the infinitely-faceted diversity of creation as the true image of God. We embrace the familiar and unfamiliar alike, knowing that God reveals God's self through reverent exploration of mystery, and gracious admiration for the intricacies in creation. As we turn our hearts toward God, we also turn our hearts toward one another; we honour the love we are freely

given by loving, protecting and supporting one another.
Amen

† **HYMN:** *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*(vs 5-8)
VU#128

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home:

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29, Matthew 21:1–11

*Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4–9a, Psalm 31:9–16,
Philippians 2:5–11, Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew
27:11–54*

FOCUS READING 1: Psalm 118

Reader 1: Hear what The Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Hosanna, Hosanna We Sing

Focus Reading 2: Matthew 21:1-11

Reader 2: This is the witness of our ancestors in the faith

All: Hosanna!

CONTEMPLATIVE INSTRUMENTAL Sleepers, Wake VU#711

FOCUS READING 3:Philippians 2:5-11

Reader 3: The Living Word is with us here

All: Hallelujah!

HOLY QUIET (3 full minutes)

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† **HYMN:** *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*(vs 9-11 & 1)
VU#128

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People (Responsive)

One: We cry out, “Hosanna – Save us!” Save us from hatred and fear

Many: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

One: Save us from injustice and violence

Many: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

One: Save us from despair when change feels impossible

Many: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

One: Teach us to follow your way of courageous love

Many: Prince of peace, hear our prayer.

One: God of the donkey, of the Eastern Gate,
We confess we are sometimes drawn to power that overwhelms.

We long for saviours who will crush our enemies.

We are tempted by fear, anger and control.

Many: Hosanna to the Prince of Peace, who rides a colt from the East

One: Forgive us when we mistake domination for strength.

Forgive us when we align your name with violence.

Forgive us when we abandon the way of peace.

Many: Hosanna to the Prince of Peace, who walks a path to the temple

One: We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ—
the Word who became flesh,
the One who built bridges instead of walls,
the One who embraced difference and made room for all.

Many: Hosanna to the Prince of Peace, who chose the donkey over the warhorse

In Jesus’ name we offer these prayers and together we offer the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples using inclusive language*

**All: Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on Earth.

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

God of abundance and creativity, receive our offerings as they are held up to you now: offered in hope, and in hope against hope, offered from pockets half-empty and overflowing, offered from lives busy and spare. We offer these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to midwife your loving vision of the world into being. We bring whole selves that we may share in the co-creation of your kin-dom. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, and multiply them for the crafting of a world of your Shalom for all.

Amen.

† HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **VU#123**

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN: *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* **VU#130**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader –Kathleen Rowlands; Worship Assistant –Cathie Reed; Readers – Robert Norwell and Clair Meger; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Trumpet Player – Diane Kjorven; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*