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Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

The Worship of God
Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019

Port Williams United Baptist Church

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

Announcements

Invocation

* **Processional Hymn** “Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

Insert

* **Litany:**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Jesus Christ, you were the stone we rejected,

Yet you have become our Cornerstone,

The one we look to as the best example of God’s Love;

The one we exalt above all others.

We are spreading our cloaks out on the path

Laying palm branches at your feet

We offer every good thing we have:

Every talent, Every blessing

Every moment, Every word and thought.

Every thing of value that we claim we lay at the feet of the

King who comes in humility, in peace, and in Divine Love.

Help us to remain in your steadfast love -

Rooted in gratitude and grounded in your presence;

To stay - no matter what the crowds around us do-

Steeped in compassion and centered in mercy.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD

Scripture Psalm 31:9-16 OT pg. 393 Susan DeMont

Prayers of the People of God

Ministry of Music “Palm Sunday Processional” Sanctuary Choir

* **Children’s Hymn** “I danced in the morning” **352 vs. 1**

Children’s Moment

* **Children’s Hymn** “I danced in the morning” **352 vs. 2- 3**

* **Hymn of Preparation** “Sunday’s Palms” **107**

Scripture Luke 19:28-40 Susan DeMont

Litany of Confession

Holy one, beloved of God, we rally to your side cheering and waving, caught up in the excitement and the drama of the procession. We join the procession with prophecy and song echoing in our minds: singing of the triumph of God over the enemies who have held us captive. We cry, "Hosanna! Save us!" while believing ourselves saved already.

In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us.

Forgive us the desire for power, and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when we would push away those who seek to know you; when we consider others too sinful, too distasteful, too blind to be part of our company. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable outcome of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow. Forgive us our failure to love. Amen.

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Even we shall believe, even we shall be led back to faith, by the grace and mercy of the one who never stops seeking after this beloved Creation. We are loved, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response “What wondrous love is this” **147 vs. 1**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Sermon *Misunderstood--Jesus* Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

* **Hymn of Response** “All Glory, Laud and Honour” **122**

The Offering

* **Offertory** “Give thanks” **522**

Give thanks, my soul, for labours, that strength and days employ; but know the Maker’s purpose brings toil as well as joy. Show forth, O God, your purpose; direct our will and hand to share your love and bounty with all in every land. AMEN.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** “We shall go out” **586**

*We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We’ll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we’ll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we’ll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.*

Postlude and Quiet Reflection