

The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" (John 12:12-13)

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, accented by the waving of palm branches, is re-enacted on Palm Sunday in Presbyterian and other Christian congregations worldwide as Holy Week observances begin. Unfortunately for the communities where these palms are harvested, palm fronds do not always represent the same jubilation. Therefore, Parkview has decided to order eco-palms for our Palm Sunday worship service.

Why did Parkview order Eco-Palms?

More than 300 million palm fronds are harvested each year for U.S. consumption alone — most of them for Palm Sunday.

- Purchasing eco-palms plays an important role in protecting forests and local jobs in the harvesting communities. Eco-palms are purchased directly from harvesters at five to six times the normal payment per frond.
- Eco-palm harvesters have permits from the government to maintain the bio-reserve where they harvest their palms. As a result, the rainforests are well-maintained and continue to support the harvesters' livelihood.
- The harvested eco-palms are sorted and bundled by the women in the communities, instead of a distant warehouse, creating new jobs where previously there were none.



The Celebration of Worship

April 10, 2022 • Palm Sunday

Pastor: Worship Leader: Pianist: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave Donna Komure-Toyama Wade Tambara

Japanese Reader:

Mieko Davis

Prelude Wade Tambara

*Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: We come to experience the holiest of weeks. We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

People: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for He is the life we long for.

Leader: We wave palm branches in celebration, to welcome Him, and to cushion His walk.

People: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, He comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

*Opening Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (#89)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; Through pillared court and temple the joyful 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.

^{*} Those who can, please rise

"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.

Invitation to Confession Donna Komure-Toyama Leader: As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let's tell

God the truth about our lives, praying together.

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Merciful God, as we begin this Holy Week, when we think of our lives, we remember both Mary's faithfulness and Judas' betrayal.

People: We are aware of our own shadows and lack of loyalty, we feel our own doubts and betrayal.

Leader: May we find your grace stronger than our doubt and deeper than our fears. Set us free from all that makes us mean and mistrusting.

All: By your Spirit, deepen our connection with you, that in the week to come we may share in Jesus' Jerusalem journey, and follow in His steps. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God brings healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, and hope for our doubting minds.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us God's kingdom! This is the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Response to God's Forgiveness

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Choir Anthem

"Blessed Is He" by Gerald N. Lindberg

*Sending Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (#88)

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. Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present. Refrain

To Thee, before thy passion, hey sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King! Refrain

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

Postlude Wade Tambara

We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.

In Appreciation:

Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Jana Nakase-Lee
Online Greeter: May Lee
Ushers: Maurine Huang, William Yee
Parking: Dave McGill
Sound System: Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator: Lori Hart
Altar Flowers: Glenn & Evelyn Kubota

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave, Dave McGill

"A Donkey's Tale"

Luke 19:28-38

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it."

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Donna Komure-Toyama

*Doxology

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Donna Komure-Toyama

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Reflection: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (#98)

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?

O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,

Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.

Unison Prayer of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Reading: John 12:13

Mieko Davis

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

1st Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9

Donna Komure-Toyama

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.