

***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

Black Tie Brass Quintet

“Non nobis Domine”

*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:	Patti Hashimoto, Cathy Nishizaki
Ushers:	Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Russ Hart
Parking:	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Jack & Carol Sakai, in memory of Milton Yee
Black Tie Brass Quintet:	Tia Kilpatrick, horn Aaron David, tuba Michael Mencarini, trombone Rick Ortega, trumpet Mason Rogers, trumpet



The Celebration of Worship

April 13, 2025 • Palm Sunday

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Judy Fukuman

Pianist:

Nancy Arata-Fong

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Aki Kumagai

YES:

Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God, today is Palm Sunday, the day we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal
entry into Jerusalem. We follow him. We follow the stories of Scriptures
with our minds. We follow the passion of Christ with our hearts.
We follow him in our spirits with prayer. Gracious God, by your Spirit,
enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem.
May our minds be open; may our hands be strong; may our hearts be
gentle; may our spirits sing; as we recommit our hands and our feet and
our lives to work for healing and justice and reconciliation in our world.
Amen.*

- Adapted from Maren Tirabassi in *Touch Holiness*

Prelude

Black Tie Brass Quintet

“When Jesus Wept”

** Those who can, please stand*

***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 and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem. 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, He is the Savior who sustains us.

Leader: We wave palm branches in celebration, we lay our love and gratitude before Him, to cushion His walk.

People: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, Jesus comes: modeling the strength of humility and unconditional love.

Leader: Blessed is the One 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.

***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**

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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.

***Sending Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#101)**

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Palm Sunday Sermon “The Lord Needs It”

Luke 19:28-40

After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a donkey colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it.

If anyone says anything, asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the donkey, its owners said, “What are you doing untying the donkey? They said, “The Lord needs it.” They brought the donkey to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street.

Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!” But Jesus said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.”

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

Opportunity To Present Offerings

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, God’s Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

“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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We turn our hearts to Jerusalem- to the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter this Holy Week, may God strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let’s tell God the truth about our lives, as we pray to God together.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Merciful God, as we begin this Holy Week, when we think of our lives, we’re aware of our own shadows and lack of loyalty, we feel our own doubts and betrayal.

People: 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.

Leader: Help us to learn humility and wholehearted service through Jesus, who though being equal with You, came to earth and shared our human life and sufferings.

People: As You come to us, please bring peace for our troubled lives, healing for our brokenness, hope for our doubting minds.

All: By Your Spirit, guide our lives as we journey in His steps. Amen.

A Time for Contemplation

This time of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: The radiance of God's presence gleams brightly against the gathering shadows of the week to come. Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love. Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us God's kingdom! God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

***Response to God's Forgiveness:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (#582 Glory to God hymnal)

All Sing: Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: As the forgiven and redeemed people of God, let us share our peace and joy with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Palm Sunday Music

Black Tie Brass Quintet

"Hosanna"

Children's Message:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Welcoming a New Member: Jack Nordman

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** 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, they 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.

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.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Aki Kumagai

Zechariah 9:9

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

2nd Scripture Reading

Judy Fukuman

Psalms 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.