

St. James United Church
The Marks of Discipleship
Palm Sunday



March 24, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music/Welcome/Introductions

Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Lenten Candles

Lent is a journey of deepening reflection and renewal,
an opportunity to affirm the marks of discipleship.

We are people of the journey, followers of Jesus.

In celebration, we join the crowds of old,
waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

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Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

Today we also tell some more of the story—

**We know the pain of what lies ahead,
a story of betrayal and death.**

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Even as the days grow longer and brighter,
we know the darkness of Good Friday draws nearer.

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We light these candles to signify how Jesus' passion, purpose and
promise shone ever brighter on that journey.

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Opening Sung Meditation – Today We All Are Called # 507 V 1

**Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Let us declare our identity as followers of Jesus:

**United in faith,
Strengthened by friendship,
Building a community of love and justice.**

Let us declare our hope as followers of Jesus:
**United in faith,
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Building a community of love and justice.**

Let us declare our mission as followers of Jesus:
**United in faith,
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Building a community of love and justice.
Come, let us worship!**

▲ Hymn – All Glory, Laud and Honor VU # 122

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Draw close to us, God,
on this unusual day, this day of confusion,
of shouts of joy and cries of shame.
Remind us that you are with us always,
in all moods and seasons,
in darkness and light and in between.
Lead us through this day and this week,
to the cross, to the tomb, and beyond.**

**We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we pray with confidence and faith,
“Our Father...” VU # 959.**

A WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Mark 11: 1-3

Boy with the Colt

Mark 11:7-8

▲ Hymn – Prepare the Way of the Lord VU # 10

Girl on the Road

Girl at the Temple

Ministry of Music – Hosanna We Sing

Mark 11:11

Boy with the Colt

▲ Hymn – Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU # 357

Mark 14:1-3

The Woman Who Anointed Jesus

Mark 14:12-16

Simon Peter

Hymn – An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare # 130 – Tune # 372

Simon Peter

Mark 15:1-3

Pontius Pilate

Voice from the Congregation

Pontius Pilate

Entire Congregation – Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

Pontius Pilate

Mark 15: 40-41

Mary, the Mother of James and Joses

▲ Hymn – Were You There VU # 144

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

Music Takes Us into the World

Call to Worship & Candle Lighting – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
Cover Art – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
A Walk Through Holy Week – Rev. Martha Spong - Adapted