



First Congregational

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Palm Sunday



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Worship Leader

John Mardis

Children's Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude	Improvisation on “ <i>Man of Sorrow! What a Name</i> ”	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Introit	<i>The King of Glory</i> by Austin Lovelace	(See Screen)
Welcome and Announcements		Brandyn Miller
*Call to Worship		Brandyn Miller
Leader:	With all our hearts, we give thanks to you, O Lord.	
People:	Your steadfast love endures forever.	
Leader:	Though you are high and exalted, you care for the lowly.	
People:	Your love strengthens us and gives us courage.	
Leader:	On this Palm Sunday, we join the voices of those who have gone before us, proclaiming your praise.	
People:	Let us worship the God whose love never fails!	
*Opening Hymn	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	#155 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Confession (responsive)		John Mardis
	Faithful and loving God, you have shown us your steadfast love, yet we have not always reflected it. We have failed to love you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have spoken words that wound and withheld words that heal. We have sought our own way instead of following yours.	
	Forgive us, Lord. Soften our hearts, strengthen our faith, and teach us to walk in the way of love, that we may glorify you in all we say and do. Through Jesus Christ, who comes in humility and reigns in love. Amen.	
*Assurance of Pardon		Brandyn Miller
Pastor:	God's love never wavers, and God's mercy knows no end. Hear the good news: The one who calls us also forgives us.	
People:	In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.	
Pastor:	May we live as people transformed by love, sharing God's grace with the world.	
People:	Thanks be to God! Amen.	
Sung Response	<i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	(See Screen)
Invitation to Offertory		John Mardis
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		John Mardis

Choral Anthem	<i>Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me</i> - J. Paul Williams & Lloyd Larson	Chancel Choir
Children's Message		Brandyn Miller
Scripture Reading	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	John Mardis
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
All: Thanks be to God!		
Message	<i>"Enduring Love"</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Song of Response	<i>How Deep The Father's Love For Us</i>	(See Screen)
Joys & Concerns		John Mardis
Leader: Lord, in your mercy		
People: Hear our prayer		
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (unison)		Brandyn Miller
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
*Parting Hymn	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	#213 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Brandyn Miller
Postlude	<i>The Palms</i> - Jean-Baptist Faure	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in body and spirit

*Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Children's Message.
We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the
youth director's office at the conclusion of the Children's Message.*