

**\*Response to the Word**

Leader: What is this day that has swept us away?

**People: Tell us, who is this carpenter-king we are cheering?**

Leader: Don't you recognize the Bethlehem baby who was born to the singing of angels?

**People: The baby who inspired joy and kindled hope?  
We sang "Glory to God in the highest!"**

Leader: Don't you recognize the temple boy who questioned the answers of sages and teachers?

**People: The boy who amazed the temple elders?  
His mother treasured all these things in her heart.**

Leader: Don't you recognize the prophet who proclaimed freedom for prisoners and relief to the poor?

**People: The prophet who told us to love our enemies?  
How can he be the chosen one?**

Leader: Do you not recognize the Messiah who established his reign for servants and sinners like us?

**People: The Messiah who eats with outcasts and loves the unlovable?  
How can we bow down and worship him?**

Leader: He comes to us today, and we welcome him with shouts and parades. But tell me: how soon will we take him to the tomb?

**\*Benediction**

**\*Carrying Out the Light**

**\*Tolling of the Bell**

**Postlude**

Lead Me to Calvary

Lloyd Larson

*If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly as worship continues.*

***Welcome to Yardley United Methodist Church!***

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**March 25, 2018**

Palm Sunday 11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music in a time for reflection.

**Prelude** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Eric Thomas

**Procession of the Children** Hosanna! Hosanna! Helen Kemp

### Gathering Words and Welcome

**\*Palm Sunday Processional** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Red Hymnal #278  
*(Everyone is invited to follow the Pastor to the front to receive your palm from the children.)*

**\*Call to Worship** R-E-N-E-W-A-L

Leader: We are nearing the beginning of our Season of Renewal, which coincides with Easter and the weeks that follow. The letter "A" stands for Abundance.

**People: How does that tie in to renewal?**

Leader: Jesus said, "I came that you might have life, and have it abundantly." He wants us to live with awareness of every moment, the joys and the sorrows.

**People: So it's not about what we own, but about our approach to life.**

Leader: Yes! We should look at each other, and at nature, and at the vast, amazing world around us with awe. Seek the signs that God is alive.

**People: Then we'll be revived, refreshed and ready when the great day of resurrection comes!**

### Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*, Silent Prayer, Words of Assurance

**O God, our Messiah draws near. We have cut the palm branches and spread our coats on the road to welcome him. We shout "Hosanna" with the crowd. But we wonder if this is the Messiah we want. Confront us with the moment of decision, Lord. If we remain speechless as he passes by, let the very stones cry out, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Forgive us for our silence. Inspire us to follow Jesus, wherever he leads us. Amen. *(Silent prayer and Words of Assurance)***

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Red Hymnal #882

**Ministry of Music** Open the Gates Joel Raney

### Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** Red Hymnal #895

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn** All Glory Laud and Honor *(stanza 1)* Red Hymnal #280

**Scripture and Message** Mark 11:1-11

"Before"

All Glory Laud and Honor *(stanza 2)* Red Hymnal #280

The people were shouting...

**Hosanna! Rescue us now, Lord! Hosanna!  
Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
And blessed is the kingdom of our father David,  
which draws closer to us today!  
Hosanna in the highest heavens!**

"During"

All Glory Laud and Honor *(stanza 3)* Red Hymnal #280

"After"

*\*(standing)* All Glory Laud and Honor *(stanzas 4 & 5)* Red Hymnal #280

### Presentation of Gifts

**Offertory** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Patricia Sanders Cota

**\*Offertory Response** Gloria Patri Red Hymnal #71

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Dedication** Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Red Hymnal #301