

Peace UCC
March 28, 2021
Traveling Lightly: A Journey Through Lent
Big Tent— where we can all gather

Prelude "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" David Paxton
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: We gather together - Joyful
Filling our space with peace.
Waiting with great expectation to see Jesus, eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.

Many: We are here!

One: We gather together - Hopeful
Longing for a calm moment in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.

Many: We are here!

One: We gather together - Anxious.
Questioning if we are able to walk with Jesus through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair and darkness.

Many: We are here!

One: We gather together - Determined.
Walking toward Easter. Prayer – ful.

Many: We are filled with hope!

Opening Response "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Tune: Ellacombe

Prayer of Invocation **Words:** Ruth Duck **Music:** Wild Mountain Thyme, Irish Folk Tune

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

The Witness of Music Rob Hartmann
"Holy Ground" Christopher Beatty
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Reading

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "We Are a People on a Journey" Tune: Forever Forward

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.

We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join

Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude "Pslams of Glory" Dorothy Wells
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