



PALM SUNDAY

*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Palm Sunday Prelude*, arr. by Lindsay Lafford Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Guy Hager

**O Lord God, whose Son followed your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In his name, we pray. AMEN.**

\*Gathering Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UM Hymnal 280

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: The way has been prepared.

**C: For the crowds it is the way of celebration.**

L: For Jesus it is the way of completion

**C: Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.**

L: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

**C: We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ. AMEN.**

INTO THE WORD

Zechariah 9:9–10 Lay Reader: Sherri Pembrook

\*Matthew 21:1–11

\*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *The Courageous King* Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UM Hymnal 278

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:  
*When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.*

\***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**

\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Parting *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UM Hymnal 298

\*Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Janet Guetle  
Arr. by James Pethel

