



CALVARY UNITED CHURCH

Ministry

All the People

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Calvary United Church
Palm Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion
March 24th, 2024

Note: Bold type everyone says together.

***indicates to stand as you are able**

Land Acknowledgement

Prelude *All Glory, Laud and Honor*
edited by H Fleishcher Denise Jung, organ

Responsive Call to Worship

Children of God, rejoice!

**We shout praises as Jesus enters
through the gates of Jerusalem.**

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the one who comes
in God's name.**

Glory to God in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn VU 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**which will change the world and our
lives for goodness' sake.**

Jesus Christ,

**you call us to be servants yet we
confess we like to be served.**

**You call us to love our neighbours,
yet we confess we like to pick and
choose who are our neighbours.**

**As we see your cross looming on the
horizon, we ask forgiveness
for turning from your teachings to do
our will and not yours.**

Forgive us. (Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

GOD GATHERS US

Welcome

Life and Work of Calvary

**Responsive Opening Prayer and Unison
Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth,
we gather in humility and hope
**because we believe you have the
power to change the world,
to change it for the better with your
love.**

We gather because we believe no one is
beyond your concern,
no one is beyond your loving embrace.

**In this time of worship, inspire us
with a vision of love**

LISTENING TO GOD

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12 -14;
27, 28
read by Brian Wallace

Ministry of Music *Palm Sunday*
All Ages Choir

Gospel Reading Mark 11: 1-11
read by Brian Wallace

Message Make Way! Make Way!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Offering Invitation

*Offering Hymn VU 575 "I'm gonna live so
God can use me" verse 1

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, when we remember that Jesus gave his life for us, we give of our humble offering. Bless these our gifts, through PAR, envelopes, our time and talent, so that the miracle of Jesus' love continues to serve the world in the ministries of Calvary United. Amen.

Prayers That Unite Our Hearts followed by the prayer that Jesus taught us

*Hymn VU 122 All Glory, Laud and Honour verses 1, 2 and 3

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation (*words said by Rev. Kerry*)

THE CALL TO GIVE THANKS

May God be with us.
God is here among us.
Let us open our hearts to God.
We open them to God and to one another.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (The New Creed)

BLESSING, BREAKING, POURING, PARTAKING

Rev. Kerry then will say a prayer over the elements and then invite all to partake of the elements continuing with:

And so, now O God,
we eat and drink in memory of Jesus and His great love,
And in this simple meal
we proclaim His death and resurrection,
giving life to all people.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

As we break the bread and drink the cup – we say:
The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.
The cup of Love, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH

Lenten Candle Liturgy

(For the six Sundays in Lent, this section is adapted from a Jeanyne Slettom liturgy made available through Process & Faith, a program of the Center for Process Studies)

Meditation followed by silence

The 6th Candle is extinguished

Unison Prayer

What we contemplate as we begin Holy Week is beyond words and beyond understanding. May the Holy Spirit guide us to the cross in preparation for understanding the hope of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

*Sending Hymn VU 127 Ride On, Ride on in Majesty verses 1, 2 and 4

***Unison Commissioning**

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who lives with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

**May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.**

Postlude *March of Victory* arranged by William M Felton Denise Jung, organ