

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

Palm Sunday

10:30AM

*Final Words from the Cross: "It is finished...Into your hands I commend my Spirit."*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Gethsemane Reflection*

by Broughton

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 219 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

*Journey to Gethsemane*

### SUNDAY SONGS

*Hidden in My Heart*

by Elkins

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 195 (black hymnal, see p. 4, vs. 1 & 2)

*The Old Rugged Cross*

### MONOLOGUE

*The Centurion at the Cross*

Matt Grimes

HYMN NO. 195 (black hymnal, see p. 4, vs. 3 & 4)

*The Old Rugged Cross*

**SCRIPTURE** (read by Brenda Beyer)

**MESSAGE**

**WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Song of Surrender*

by Hodge & Lantz

**TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem—singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**CLOSING HYMN NO. 198** (black hymnal, see p. 5)

*Lift High the Cross*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Watts

Thank you to Brenda Beyer for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to the Lent Worship Planning Team for creating today's service and for decorating the altar. The Lent team members are Marcus Alfonso, Steph Beyer, Brigitte Bradnick, Pastor Danielle, Travis Pinci, & Denny Daugherty. Thank you to Matt Grimes for reading the monologue this morning. Thank you to John Kollasch, Dave Firestone, Joe Vacante, Mary Jane Snyder, & Elaine Bevivino for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Brenda Beyer & Debbie Butcher for serving on the Praise Team.

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship was written by Thom Shuman and posted on his website Lectionary Liturgies and found on the website <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/contemporary-call-to-worship-palm.html> on March 22, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession was written by Bryan Schneider-Thomas and found on the website <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3661/worship-elements-palm-sunday-2019>, accessed on March 22, 2021.

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# Journey to Gethsemane

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Piano

1. Jour - ney to Geth - se - ma - ne, go and feel the  
 2. Fol - low then to Pi - late's hall, view the Lord of  
 3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb, see the Sav - ior  
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, hear the cry of

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tempt - er's power; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - rained; Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,  
 lift - ed high, Mark the mir - a - cle of time,  
 great sur - prise; Then the si - lence in the room,

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watch the an - guish of this hour; Do not hide or turn a - way:  
 faith - ful - ly this pain sus - tained; Great - er still than shame or loss,  
 God's own Child is sac - ri - ficed; "It is fin - ished!" Je - sus cries:  
 Je - sus there no long - er lies: Christ is ris - en! Re - a - lize

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learn from Je - sus how to pray.  
 Je - sus now must face the cross.  
 learn from Je - sus how to die.  
 that with Christ we, too, may rise.

# The Old Rugged Cross

Piano 

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the  
2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a  
3. In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a  
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

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em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the  
won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the  
won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus  
shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some - day to my

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dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll  
glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.  
suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

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cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my tro - phies at last I lay down; I will

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cling to the old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some - day for a crown.

# Lift High the Cross

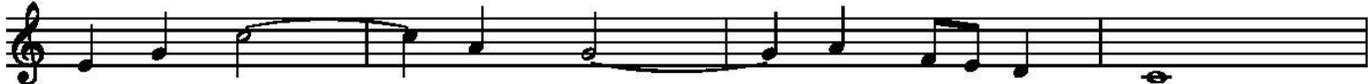
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Piano



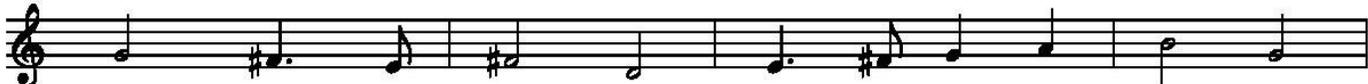
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

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all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

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1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the  
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears  
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your  
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -  
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

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Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.  
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly. bears  
- neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.