

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** - Litany for Palm Sunday (Phil 2:5-11)

ALL: **Surprising God, you come to our lives in ways we do not expect.**
Leader: We ask for success;
People: **you teach us acceptance.**
Leader: We ask to be loved;
People: **you ask us to love.**
Leader: We ask for a triumphant Messiah;
People: **you come as one obedient to death.**
Leader: We glorify the winner;
People: **you glorify the loser who died on a criminal's cross.**
ALL: **Walk among us, surprising God of peace.**
 Sanctify our joys and our successes;
 Turn our hearts to you.
 At the name of Jesus, we bow before you.
 May your name be glorified in your church,
 now and always. Amen.

***Hymn #213:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***Passing the Peace**

Call to Confession

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love who have loved us and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God is not a stony judge, but the finder of sheep and the lover of all who are lost. In Christ's name, we are forgiven and encouraged to begin again. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Anthem: Hosanna! Sing Praises! with All Hail King Jesus, by Jack Schrader
and Dave Moody

Dedication of Prayer Shawls (*Young Disciples may go to Sunday School after dedication*)

Unison Prayer

God of Joy and Arrival, enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem. May we celebrate your coming. May we cry out with the stones so the world might hear your glad arrival. Yet do not leave us in the events to come. This joyous crowd that greets you will turn and flee. From a crowd of hosannas, we turn into a silent, denying crowd at the cross. Do not leave us in the events to come! Even though we may leave you, do not leave us, O God! Then forgive us, so we can return to you changed. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sermon: "Not me!"

***Hymn #215:** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer, choosing to use debts/debtors, or trespass/trespases, or sins/sinners as is familiar to you*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(*Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website at <https://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org/>*)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world.
Amen**

***Hymn #216: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**

