

Welcome to Worship!

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018



Springtime of the Soul
“Justice”

Today we “make way” for Christ the King as we celebrate his entry into Jerusalem, the week before he died. He comes to bring justice, to set the prisoner free and heal the brokenhearted! ‘Make way and let his kingdom in!’



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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. Our mission is 'Helping people 'Say Yes' to God. "Do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God" are the three simple rules we seek to live by. As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. If you are a first time guest, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to fellowship hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants thru age five.

Prelude

Bruce Rasmussen, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Introit

"Make Way, Make Way" (Graham Kendrick)

Chris Kuter, guitar and vocals

†Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

†Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11

†The People's Response

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

†Processional Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

The U.M. Hymnal #278

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

Reading from the New Testament

Mark 11:12-20

The Word of God for all the people.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn (see insert)

“Pave the Way with Justice”

Sermon

“Justice”

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

†Offering Response

The U.M. Hymnal #95

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful hearts.

**Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey,
providing what we need when we need it.**

**Trusting you, we can share what we have with others,
and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Prayer for Passion/Palm Sunday (unison) *The U.M. Hymnal, p. 281*

Joys & Concerns

After you share a joy or concern, you are invited to add "God of healing" or "God of celebration" or use other appropriate wording and then the congregation will respond "Hear our prayer!"

Spoken Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *The U.M. Hymnal #895*

Announcements

†Hymn *"Lamb of God"
The Faith We Sing #2113*

†Commissioning Litany for Holy Week

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'" (Matt. 16:24-25)

May we have the grace to follow this Christ throughout this Holy Week, and to give to him our very lives. For in giving away our lives, we find them, and in dying we live. Amen.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor Marianne Cotter
Liturgist TBA
Church Opener Jim Cotter
Greeter(s) Gladys Orton
Usher(s) The Shrakes
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Jerry Jackson
Worship Music Bruce Rasmussen

Thank you to Chris Kuter for providing special music!