

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
March 28th, 2021
“Palm/ Passion Sunday”

This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

*“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
(Wave palm leaves or greeneries.)*

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

God wakes us to this new day
and bids us to enter the gates of righteousness.

This is the day that God made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone of our faith.

**This is God’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

God causes light to shine on us
and blesses our festive procession.

Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name.

Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UMH 278 (vs. 1 & 3)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

We give thanks, God of all seasons, for this time of heightened emotions and anticipation. In the midst of frightening circumstances we look to the calm, steady, humble One, who is still alive in our midst. We invoke the name of Jesus Christ on behalf of all who celebrate and all who pass by unseeing. Bless us all for Christ’s sake, and for our growth in faith. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 14:3-9**

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4 But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“In Remembrance of Jesus’ Love”* **Pastor Jenny Lee**

(If you are not able to join us for Zoom Live Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the Sermon by Phone.)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

The day is yours, O God, and we rejoice that you have awakened us to share in it. As we hear again the phrases and stories so familiar to us, help us to identify ourselves in the words and actions of people long ago. So, in remembrance of Jesus' love, we will join your parade, and bow down before your glory, walking with you humbly. Touch us that our lives may reflect your teaching and will. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

If we had a donkey to lend to Jesus, we would do so. If we could ease Christ's way to Calvary, or prevent its cruelty, we would act. But these are not ours to give. So we offer what we have; the tithes and offerings are here for your blessing and all the riches we retain for ourselves. Use everything we are and have to advance Christ's reign among us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***CLOSING HYMN** *Tell me the Stories of Jesus*

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***BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

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**ONE Parish THREE Churches:
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The United Methodist Church

10 am Online Zoom Service

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