

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

*We acknowledge that we live on the traditional territory
of the Mississauga People of the Anishinaabe Nation*

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Please note this is a scent free environment.

(*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude

*Gathering Hymn: VU #122 *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

Welcome and Announcements

Centering time for Worship

Bringing Light to the World

And So, It Begins!

Invitation to Community

Come and join the parade,

The parade that is welcoming and happy.

This parade is unlike any other,

It is a parade that walks against the empire.

This parade is not one of raw power,

This is a parade of peace.

Gathering Prayer

Holy One, on this day a long time ago

Jesus entered Jerusalem

to begin the last week of his earthly life.



**Give us the courage and the strength to walk with him,
to go where he goes, to love whom he loves,
to face death in faith.**

**In the name of Jesus, the one of the cross,
we make this prayer. Amen**

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

Palm Parade, during which we sing: VU #123 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Blessed is the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Preparation for Proclamation: VU #118 *Wonder and Stare*

**Wonder and stare, fear and beware;
heaven and hell are close at hand.
God's living word, Jesus the Lord,
follows where faith and love demand.**

Philippians 2.5-11

Psalm 118, VU #837, Parts 1, 3 and 4

John 12.12-27

Anthem: *Hosanna*

Reflection

Response: VU #128 *Sanna, Sannanina*

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna, (x2)

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna (x2)

Now That We Are in Jerusalem...

Prayers of the Faithful

Minute for the *United Church Observer*

Offertory

*Hymn of Presentation:

Gray/Uhryniw

**We Sing Thanksgiving, Loving and Living;
Shaping a world where the holy is found.
Changing, creating and recreating;
So light may be brought to shadow.**

*Hymn: VU #127 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

Mutual Commissioning:

Things are about to get rough;

We will be the light to the shadow.

We must keep our eyes on the far horizon,

That we may see three crosses.

And we must keep our eye on the spiritual horizon,

So that we may see the light that is beyond.

Concluding Rite: *Dare to Walk*

Gray/Uhryniw

Dare to walk in the spaces of pain,

Dare to be hope in the face of injustice.

We carry together the story

**and we take our dramatic persona onto the stage of grief,
groping in the shadow. Groping for the light.**

Postlude

WE APPRECIATE

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Scripture Reader: Cliff McDonald

Minute for the *United Church Observer*: Judy Amsbury

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