

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**WORSHIP @ HOME**

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*PALM SUNDAY*  
April 5, 2020

**We are Called to Worship (Psalm 118)**

- One: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
 One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
 One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
**Many: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.**  
 One: Bind the festival procession with branches.  
**Many: Jesus is the gate of the Lord. The righteous enter through him.**  
 One: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.~**

**Gathering Prayer (unison) - Blessed One, we are humbled by your example. You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power to command. Son of David, come to us now and be our King, that we too may sing our hosannas! Amen.~**

**Song 1**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor, 256*

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### A Time of Prayer

*You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Anthem

*In the Shadow of the Palms, Martha Main  
Words: John Parker; Music: Lloyd Larson*

### We Hear God's Word

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> '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.'

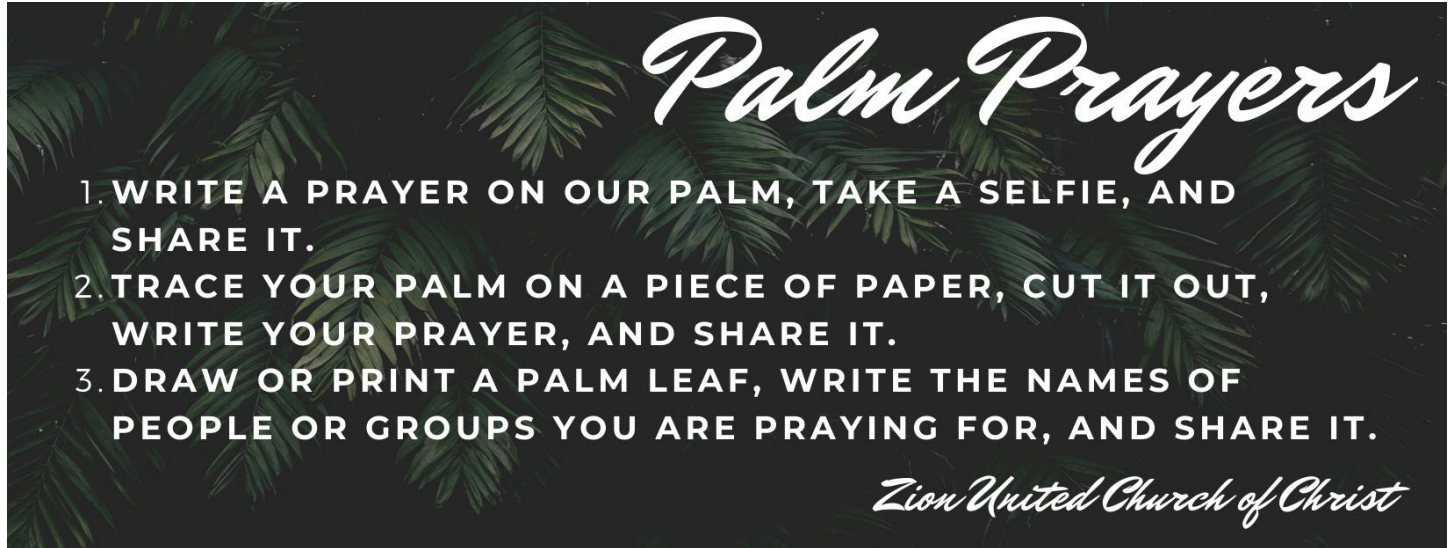
<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!'

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

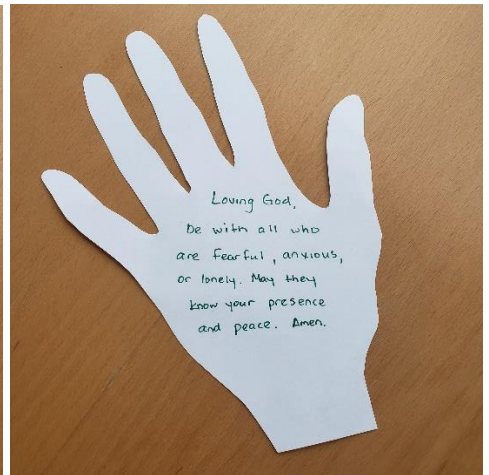
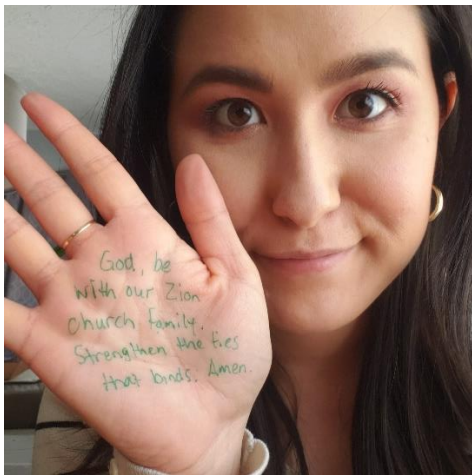
Spiritual Practice of the Week – Palm Prayers



*Palm Prayers*

1. WRITE A PRAYER ON OUR PALM, TAKE A SELFIE, AND SHARE IT.
2. TRACE YOUR PALM ON A PIECE OF PAPER, CUT IT OUT, WRITE YOUR PRAYER, AND SHARE IT.
3. DRAW OR PRINT A PALM LEAF, WRITE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE OR GROUPS YOU ARE PRAYING FOR, AND SHARE IT.

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You can share your pictures with Pastor Sarah by email, text, or on Facebook. There will be a special post on our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/zionuccindy](http://www.facebook.com/zionuccindy) where you can share your picture. We'd love to see your smiling faces. Pastor Sarah hopes to put together a collage of all these images to share with our congregation.

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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**\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Version 2*

*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.*

**\*We Give Thanks (unison) – Holy One, your love for us is so great that you gave us your own Son to teach us the ways of life and death. May the gifts and offerings we bring this morning reflect our gratitude for Christ’s gift of self, for Christ’s anguish and passion, and for Christ’s never-failing love. Amen.~**

**Song 3**

*Hosanna, 266*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing**

The gates of righteousness are thrown wide. We go with God’s blessings. The path of salvation is made plain. We go in Christ’s truth. The cornerstone of our faith is sure. We go with the Spirit’s grace. Go with God and walk with Christ during this holy week. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.~

Worship Notes: ~ Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.