

UNITE IN LOVE

Pre-service

Welcome

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Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We gather in the season of Lent to greet an unlikely king.

ALL: One who journeys with us through the suffering of the world.

One: Let us enter this story of God's great love.

ALL: Let us walk the road that leads us to the cross.

Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Parading with palms

Gathering Hymn #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

verses 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord.

Save us from ourselves when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.

Save us from the systems that keep us bound when we cannot see the way out.

Save us from our sins when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts.

Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting "Hosanna"
will soon be screaming "Crucify him."

Save us we pray, O Lord, and do not let us be among them.

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

One: Friends, fear not! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

Response to Grace #654

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

Anthem "Hosanna to the King"

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

One: The word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Time for Wonder

We Bless Each Other

Kids: God be with you as you stay. ALL: God be with you as you go.

Reflection on the Word

Parade or Protest?

The Word in Song “Lord, What a Parade” by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;
What noise they all made in welcoming you.
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"

They welcomed you in, a conquering king,
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;
A creature of peace carried you on your way.

Did those in that crowd expect something more
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?
Did they think a savior with armies was best,
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?

Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.
So may we be open and welcome your reign.
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!

REACH OUT TO OTHERS

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The people respond: **“Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation & Dedication

Gifts may be given online at firstprescf.org

Doxology #606

Our Life Together

***Sending Hymn #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

all verses

***Blessing**

Postlude