

† Please stand as you are able.

*During Prayers of the People, anyone is invited to come forward and offer a prayer for the congregation, our neighbors, or the world. You are invited to think on and write down, if you wish, a prayer that is no more than 30 seconds long.*

### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Chiming the Trinity**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Lord, even though you knew the praise of the crowd would be short-lived, even though you knew the fate that awaited you on Friday, still out of love you entered Jerusalem. You broke bread with those who would betray you, and you died before the week was over, forgiving the ones who crucified you. Though we are unworthy of your love, we cling to it, because it's our only hope in life and death. We give you thanks for your love for us and our salvation through you. Lead us in the way of the cross this week so that we too might empty ourselves for others. Bless these palms that they may be a sign of our waywardness and his victory. As we hear your word proclaimed today, grant us the faith that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross. Amen.

#### **†Palm Gospel Lesson**

Mark 11:1-11

Herb Schwarze

#### **†Response**—*you may stand and raise your palms*

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

#### **Many: Hosanna in the highest!**

Hosanna to Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!

#### **Hosanna in the highest!**

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**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

UMH 280

*Children and parents may process in with palms, and stand at the front until the hymn ends, at which time they go to the nursery or return to their seats.*

#### **†Hymn**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

#### **Second Gospel Lesson**

John 12:20-33

Herb Schwarze

#### **Prayer of Confession** (Read Responsively)

For the times we have mocked rather than blessed,	<b>forgive us.</b>
For the moments we deny you and others,	<b>reclaim us.</b>
For the times we have forsaken bonds of friendship,	<b>renew us.</b>
When we are the one being mistreated,	<b>bless us.</b>
When we are the ones being denied and betrayed,	<b>love us.</b>
Strengthen us to face the time of trial, O God,	<b>that we may remain</b>
<b>faithful to you, faithful to one another, and faithful to your gospel of love.</b>	
In hope and humility, we pray,	<b>amen.</b>

#### **Declaration of Forgiveness**—*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Your God has come to you, humble in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader): in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: What wonderful love is this, O my soul! Amen.**

#### **Peace of Christ**

*At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor, offering signs of peace.*

#### **Choir Anthem**

*"Lift High the Palms!" by Joseph Martin*

#### **Sermon**

Pastor Adam

#### **Responsive Lenten Creed**—*from Philippians 2:5-11*

**We believe in Jesus Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and**

on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Invitation to the Offering*

*Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings*

*Doxology on UMH 95*

*Prayers of the People*

*If you have a prayer you would like to pray for our congregation, neighborhood, or world, you may come up to the lectern or use a handheld mic, and please keep prayers under 30 seconds.*

†Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" UMH 292

†Benediction Pastor Adam

†Postlude Desiree Davis-Omburo

**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 6 PM** in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish with you, since this is a potluck meal. **Good Friday Service, March 29 is a joint service at All Saints UMC** (120 Smallwood Dr, Morrisville, NC 27560) **@ 6:30 PM**, and a self-guided **Stations of the Cross on Friday, @ 6 PM.** **Easter Egg Hunt for children is on Easter Sunday, March 31 @ 9:15 AM, and the Easter Potluck Brunch is @ 9:30 AM.** Our **Easter Service is @ 10:30 AM**, where we will have a flowering of the cross processional, so **on Easter Sunday, please bring two things: your flowers and a dish for the potluck.**

**CROP Walk** activities begin today at Duke University Chapel @ 2 PM. Walk starts @ 2:30 PM

# Parkwood

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# Palm Sunday

Sunday March 24, 2024