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The Other Way

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Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Introit

Hosanna to the Son of David

Michael Bedford
LMUMC Children's Choir
Oliver Gameros, baritone
Nora Abesamis-Bell, soprano
Rene and Rosie Taharka, handbells

Welcome

Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Anita Smith-Christopher

Leader: Jesus of Palm Sunday parades, be with us on The Way.
We wonder if we have what it takes
to truly march in the name of justice and love for all people.

**People: Are we able to sacrifice the paths that benefit only us
for the ones that make a way in the wilderness for the least?**

**All: We come seeking your courage and resolve
in order to follow your way of love. Amen.**

Opening Song

(Please stand if able)

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
UMH 277

- 1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**
- 2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**
- 3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Scripture

Luke 19:28b-40 (CEB)

Anita Smith-Christopher

After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there, a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples!

Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response

Ride on King Jesus

African American Spiritual

arr. Hall Johnson

LMUMC Choir

Paul Tavernier, bass-baritone

Sermon

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Response

Hosanna

Robert Sterling

LMUMC Choir

Prayers & Gratitudes (organ)

Jesus, Remember Me UMH 488

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
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The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving (organ)

How Shall I Come Before the Lord W&S 3124 vs 1,3

1. How shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself with heart outpoured?
And shall I come with offering?
What shall I give? What shall I bring?

3. Let justice shine in all your ways.
Let loving kindness rule your days,
that, as this earthly path you trod,
you shall walk humbly with your God.

Closing Song

(Please stand if able)

Lord of the Dance UMH 261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Leader: The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

All: We will follow on The Way.

Leader: Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

All: We will follow on The Way.

Leader: The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

All: We will follow on The Way.

Leader: May this week be filled with opportunities to choose
a path that leads to more life for all people
and to keep moving toward horizons of love.

All: May it be so. Amen.

Postlude (organ)

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello