

COMMUNITY CHURCH

LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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April 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?!!

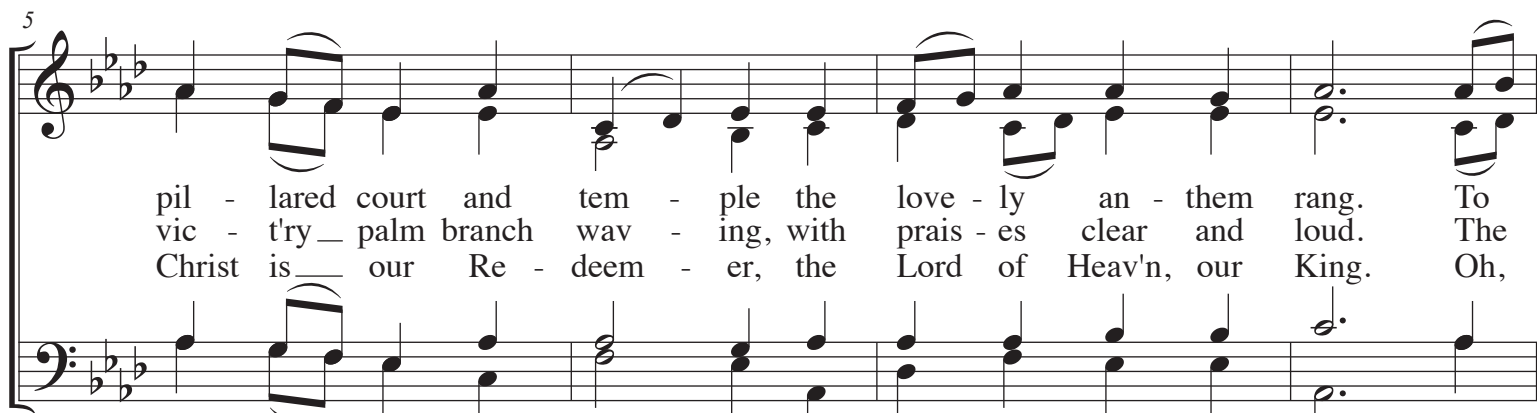


Rev. Johan Dodge

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

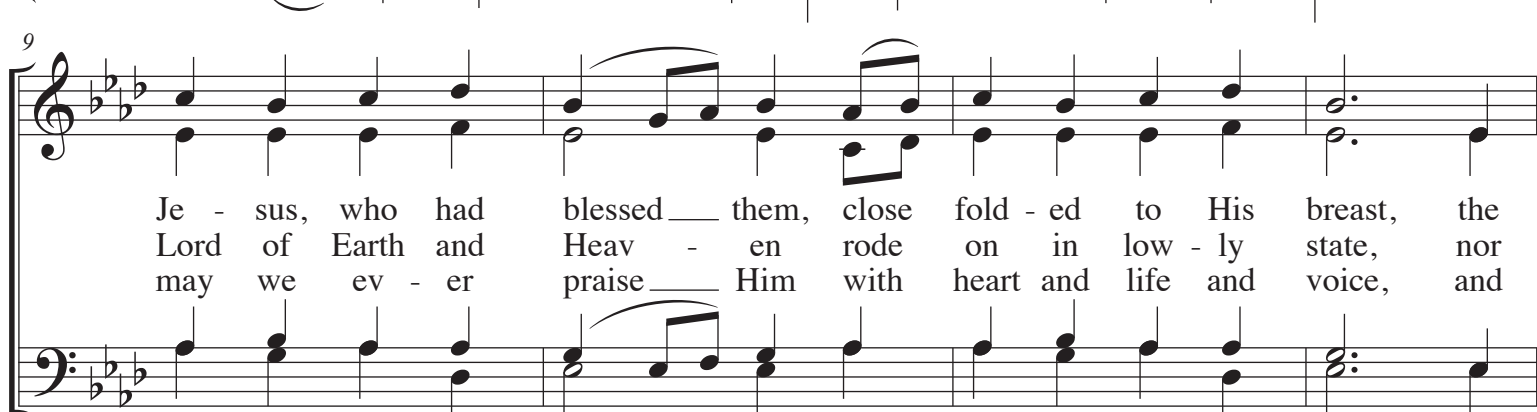
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd; The
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing, For

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pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang. To
 vic - t'ry — palm branch wav - ing, with prais - es clear and loud. The
 Christ is — our Re - deem - er, the Lord of Heav'n, our King. Oh,

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Je - sus, who had blessed — them, close fold - ed to His breast, the
 Lord of Earth and Heav - en rode on in low - ly state, nor
 may we ev - er praise — Him with heart and life and voice, and

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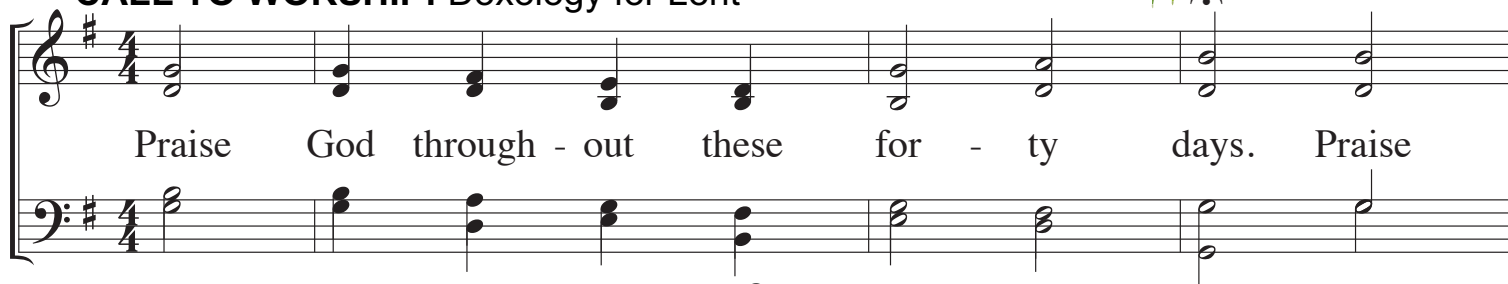
chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on — His bid - ding wait.
 in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology for Lent



Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

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Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spi - rit who im -

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parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Phyllis Spencer



Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive pride of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that as we learn to walk in the way of Jesus, we would build the community of loving kindness that Jesus first envisioned so many years ago. Amen.

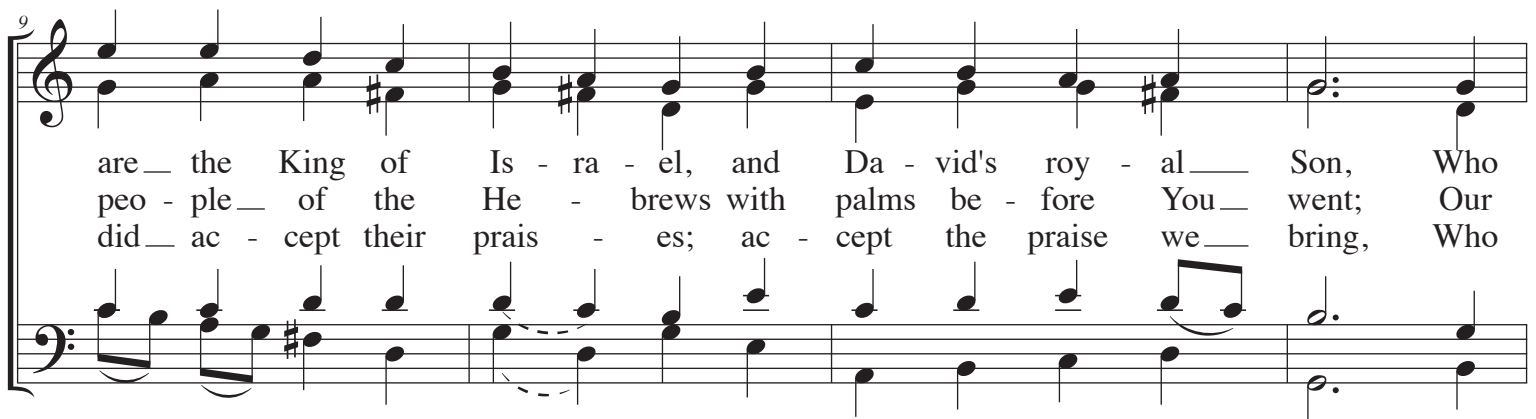
HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to You, Re - deem - er, King, To
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing You on high, All
 3. To You, be - fore Your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; To

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whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. You
 hu - man - kind and all things cre - at - ed make re - ply. The
 You, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise. You

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are the King of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son, Who
 peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore You went; Our
 did ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the praise we bring, Who

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in the Lord's name comes to us, the King and Bless - ed One.
 praise and pray'r and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 in all good de - light - est, our good and gra - cious King.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

[A time of silence is kept after each petition.]

God in the highest, you came to us in a human being who humbled himself like a servant and taught us to live your way of love.

We pray for the nations and leaders who worship power and might; may they be ruled by humility and peace.

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may have the mind of Christ.

We pray for the victims of human tragedies and disasters of nature.

We pray for those who are in prison — the repentant and unrepentant and those falsely accused.

We pray for those who are ill or infirm or are rejected because they are seen to be weak.

God of compassion, through Jesus Christ you have come to us and shared our common lot. Mold us into people who show your mercy and teach us to live the way of Jesus in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]



HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
When my way grows dark, dear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the
when my life is al - most gone, hear my
and the day is past and gone, at the

storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: —
ri - ver I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

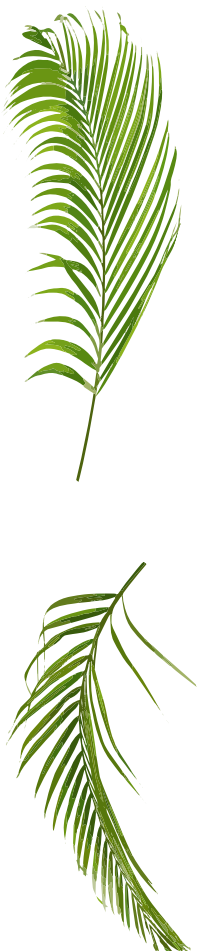
Take my hand, — pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

Eternal God, quiet with us all lesser voices, that through the story of your kin-dom we may see where we are to serve as your love in the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Luke 19:28-44



²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

MESSAGE: “Who’s In Charge Here?” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Where do we see the pageantry of empire today? How might we respond faithfully, in the way of Jesus to the pageantry of empire that we see today? Where have we mistakenly celebrated empire in the church? What does it mean for us to no longer support empire as we seek instead, to follow Jesus?

REFLECTION: “Were You There?” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

God has given us Jesus who turned over the tables of the money changers in the temple and established a different relationship with God, a relationship founded on love and the abundance that comes from God. Out of our abundance let us give to God in community.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Hosanna to the King Who Comes!” — Jennifer Rudy, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Holy One, we give you thanks for your great deeds of love that you revealed in Jesus and continue to make possible through the Holy Spirit. Bless these gifts that we bring this day in thanksgiving for your love of us and your creation. Amen

[please stand as you are able]



HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

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take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

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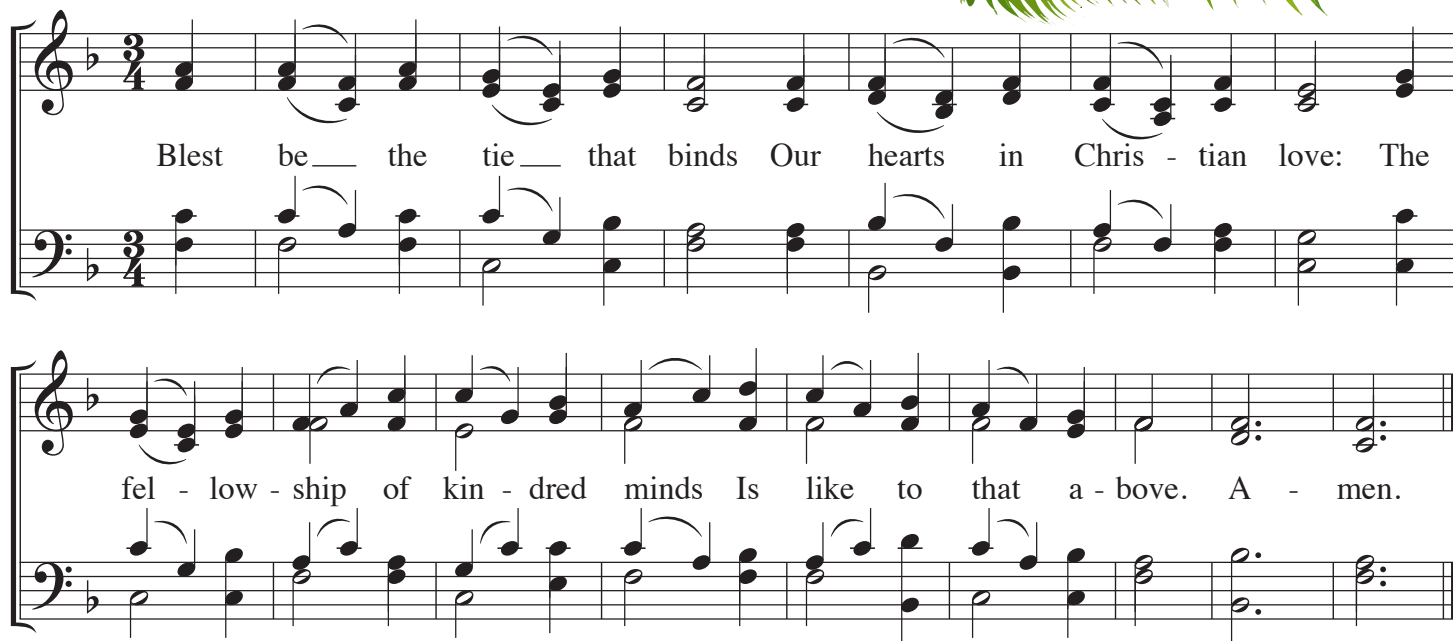


Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May you know the love of Jesus for you and the world. May the same mind be in you that was in Jesus. And may you go forth in peace, to bring peace to the world around you. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Church Staff: Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Hannah Yi, *Pianist*
Jim Orr, *Technology*
Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Director*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Tune: ELLACOMBE; Words by Jennette Threlfall

Doxology (Old Hundredth LM)

Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Original Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

Lenten Words by G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Music by Melchior Teschner; Words by Theodulph, Bishop Of Orleans; trans. John Mason Neale

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Music by George N. Allen;

Words and Arr. by Thomas Andrew Dorsey

"Were You There?" Reflection

African American Spiritual

Piano Arrangement by Fred Bock

"Hosanna to the King Who Comes!"

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson, based on John 12:12-15

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

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"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)

Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836

Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- new Taylor White** – Taylor underwent major surgery on Friday, April 11th at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Prayers for great medical care and skill from her surgeon and nurses, as well as speedy recovery and healing.
- new Sue Long** – Thanks to your prayers and her own determination, Sue has recovered from her recent injuries and is resuming her regular routine.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and FELLOWSHIP: Today's flowers are provided anonymously. Fellowship Refreshments are provided by Mo Ashley. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive an End-of-Year Giving Statement of your 2024 donations, please see Phyllis Spencer.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Thursday, April 17th, join Pastor Johan for "Coffee with Pastor," a weekly time of fellowship & check-in over coffee. If you have questions or wish to discuss today's message, or if the weight of the world is on your mind, please join us and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with good company. Come and share your thoughts and a cup o' joe!

EASTER LILIES: Easter Lilies will once again adorn the church altar over Easter. Easter Lilies are available for purchase at \$15 each and may be picked up after Easter worship. Please fill out the "Holiday Flower Order" form with the notation of the loved one you are honoring/remembering and place the \$15 in the attached envelope. See Sandy Walker if you have any questions.

RE:Thinking LENT: Grab a copy of our Lenten Calendar **"44 Days of Kindness"** in the narthex. Take time this **Lent** to help someone in need, share a **kind** word, remind friends and family how much you **love** them, **welcome** a stranger, pay a **visit** someone who may be lonely, share a **meal** with someone ... *may we each find ways to make kindness and love happen in the world around us, every day.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Special service of handwashing followed by a Mediterranean-themed lunch. Gather in Edgar Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 17.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWER CROSS: Please bring fresh cut flowers from your garden to Easter Service on Sunday, April 20 to adorn the large cross on the patio.

PEACE, LOVE, MUSIC: CALLING ALL HIPPIES! It's time to break out the tie-dye, love beads, & granny glasses! Join us for a groovy afternoon of 60s music featuring *Legends of Rock* and *Songbirdz*. Help us spread peace & love throughout Leisure World on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 3:30 PM. **FREE FLOWER POWER STICKERS to the FIRST 100 GUESTS!** *Hippie Threads & Dancin' Shoes are optional. Concert is FREE – Donations Encouraged.*

This Week in RE:Thinking Lent

April 13:	Palm Sunday	April 17:	Avoid complaining — all day
April 14:	Share a meal with a friend	April 18:	Send a letter to a friend
April 15:	Visit someone	April 19:	Call a friend you haven't talked to
April 16:	Tell someone you're grateful for them	April 20:	HAPPY EASTER!!!

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GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, as I enter into this new day, I ask that you keep me mindful of the profound nature of this Holy Week. Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of palms and follow Jesus into the suffering of this world to bring relief and your divine love to those I encounter today. Amen.

*Consider The Upper Room Daily Devotional
as a resource for Midday Prayer.*

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God for the gift of this day. If I remembered today those times when my love for you and your creation failed, remind me now of your steadfast love for me, as I give this day into your hands and rest in the knowledge of your love for all of your creation. Amen.