

GIRDWOOD CHAPEL UMC

March 24, 2024

Our Mission: Love God. Love Others. Change the World!

Order of Sunday Worship

(**bold text** indicates congregational responses; * indicates please stand as able)

*Call to Worship

God, we come before you uncomfortable with unanswered questions

We seek to know the answer without ever sitting for long with the tensions

And we rush our lives while fearing the same change we run to

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

You rode into Jerusalem on a colt and we call you the King of Glory

You stood against power and we chase the promises of kingdom and empire

You welcomed all who would repent and yet we divide ourselves into factions

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have turned against you incessantly, and yet you have continued to show us your love

We have not loved our enemies nor our neighbors as much as we love ourselves

We have denied your divinity within our own human form time and again

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

And yet! You are a God that is not unfamiliar with our complexities

In fact, it seems as if you love our faults as well as our graces

You know each of our inner workings and you still call us beloved

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

God, illuminate our blindspots

Reveal our jagged edges and awkward new growth

Help us to not run from discomfort, but rather approach it with curiosity

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

You come to make a new way. Even we can't see the path that lies ahead. May we listen, bear witness, and follow your guidance. Especially when it feels uncomfortable

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Hymn: Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement) UMC Hymnal #279

Music and lyrics are also on the screen.

Communal Prayer

Almighty God, on this day we remember how your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

May our palms and branches today be a reminder of the hope and faith of the crowds who have cried out before us: *Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of*

***the Lord!* And may your Spirit come today, hearing our cries of *Hosanna*, to revive our faith once more so that we proclaim Jesus as Christ and Lord and follow him in the way that leads to life. It is in his name that we pray, Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Mark 11:1-11

Response: *For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God around us, for the Word of God within us, we say: Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: "See Yourself In the Story" - Laura Reijns

*Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This UMC Hymnal #292

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Weekly Connection Points

- Mondays: Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm (Zoom available)
- Thursdays: Walk, Talk, Pray, 10am (starting in our parking lot)
- Our Food Pantry days and times: First Sundays 2 - 4pm; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Coming Up:

- Stations of the Cross will be set up on Wednesday. Walk or ride from Our Lady of the Snows to Girdwood Chapel.
- Good Friday - walk the stations together at 5:30pm
- Good Friday worship at 7pm
- EASTER Sunday 10:30am with live folk/gospel music

Invitation to Generosity

To give go to www.girdwoodchapel.com/give or scan the code

Mail your offering to PO Box 1068



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transition time off of Facebook

Community Prayers

Leader: God in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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 tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Holy Communion -- pp. 15-16 in the *Hymnal*

You are invited and welcome to participate in communion with us. We believe that this is God's table and is open to all.

*Music during Communion: "The Kingdom is Yours" (©Common Hymnal Publishing

Benediction: "On Eagles Wings"

And God will raise us up

On eagles' wings

Bear us on the breath of dawn

Make us to shine like the sun

And hold us, in the palm, of God's hand