



MERRIMACPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



MARK II:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

11 When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

4 They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. 5 Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. 7 They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. 9 Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!* 10 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” 11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Prayers and Notes from Today:

MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

* = Please stand as you are able
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal - Hardcover, red book
TFWS = The Faith We Sing - Softcover, black book

Hearing Assistance
Devices are available
at the Entrance Table.

WELCOME

MIRIAM SOMERO

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

P: Let the Savior enter!

L: Shout with joy, all you people.

P: The Savior has come forth bringing peace. AMEN.

***SONG**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH # 278

BIRTHDAY PENNIES - All are invited to share a birthday or anniversary celebration with a small donation that goes to Heifer International, a mission organization working to eliminate world hunger.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS -

We will lift up our prayer requests and respond to each prayer saying,
"Lord, hear our prayer."

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

UMH 894

The congregation will respond with the Lord's Prayer as found in the hymnal.

SONG*"The Holy City"****SCRIPTURE LESSON****MARK 11:1-11****NANCY HARTMANN****MESSAGE****"Who Doesn't Love a Parade?"****Pastor Matt**

OFFERING - Through this collection, members of Merrimacport UMC support the life of our church and our ministries. If you are visiting with us we appreciate any gift that you feel moved to make, but please do not feel that you have to. Your presence with us this morning is your gift to us.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE*UMH #95**

Please stand as the usher brings forward the offering and we sing together.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O Lord, our God, your faithful goodness is beyond our understanding! You fulfill your promises at the right time. You sent the crowd of angels to sing of your glory when Jesus was born. At the height of Jesus' ministry, people honored him and shouted your praises. Like them, we want to contribute to your kingdom coming on earth. It is a privilege to share in your mission in the world through this congregation. Accept our offerings as a sign of our love and gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Mark 11:1-11)

SONG*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"****UMH # 280*****SENDING FORTH**

The road has been long. You have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit. There is much to be done. Go in peace, dear people of God. Go ready to proclaim with your lives that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Go to offer God's love and peace to all. AMEN.

Restrooms are
located downstairs.

Join us downstairs after worship for
coffee, food and conversation.
All are welcome!