TRADITIONAL WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY April 14, 2019 11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid" Johannes Brahms

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Isaiah 50:4-9a)

One: Come. Come seeking words.

All: Come to let your tongue give praise.

One: Come. Come to find your voice.

All: Come to hear the response.

One: Come. Come to open your ears.

All: Come to listen.

One: Come. Come to be healed by the silence.

All: Come to stand together.

One: Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe.

All: Come to find God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Siyahamba (We Are Marching)" No. 2235b

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN AND SEND THEM FORTH WITH PALMS

Following the Children's Message, children age 5-12, may join our staff and volunteers on a short walk through downtown Traverse City. Those children not wishing to join the parade, should remain with their family for worship.

The nursery is open for infants and toddlers.

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" No. 292

A TIME FOR PRAYER (see below)

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

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 trespasses, 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Palms" Gabriel Fauré

Soloist: Dave Chrostek

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day in festive preparation, where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away; even now the throng to welcome Him prepare. Join, sing His name divine, let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation; Hosanna! Praised be the Lord, bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation. His word goes forth and people by its might once more their freedom gain from degradation; humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness find restored the light. Sing and rejoice. O blest Jerusalem, of all thy songs sing the emancipation; through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem brings forth the hope to thee forevermore.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19: 29-40 (NT p. 83)

Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. Leader: Thanks be to God.

Walking The Way of Jesus

MESSAGE "The Other Way" Rev. Jane Lippert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD IN SONG "Siyahamba" (We Are Marching) No. 2235b

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

*DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All: O Holy One,

Bless these gifts

So that the world may know your love Even when we are silent. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 278

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God is Good" Grier and Everson

*POSTLUDE "Prelude in A minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience. (If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

One: Come. Come O Holy One.

Come through the streets. Come into the house.

Come to walk beside us on the path. Come to challenge our answers about

ALL: Why tragedy comes

Why poverty increases Why we are afraid.

One: Come O Holy One.

Speak to us in the silence

ALL: With wisdom greater than ours

With love deeper than ours With change wider than ours.

Shared Silence

One: Come O Holy One.

Fill in these stories with your wisdom with your love with your change

so that we might rely on your answers.

Here and now. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(inspired by Psalm 31:9-16)

One: O Holy One, we are too distressed to notice that you join us

in the parade. We are too deeply grieved to be aware

that you walk beside down the path.

We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking.

We have insisted upon our own answers.

We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen, about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken. We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be,

but this life is in your hands. Our lives are in your hands.

ALL: O Holy One, speak to us.

Fill our silences.

Comfort us with your love

so that we may find your understanding.

Trust us to find your answers

when we finally tire from our own.

Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God opens your ears.

God speaks when you are silent.

God approaches you

in the parade and on any path in your denial and your praise to be your help. Now and always. Amen.