Yellowknife United Church

An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of The United Church of Canada Palm/Passion Sunday - March 20, 2016



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Gathering

Prelude

Lighting the Worship Candles

Introit 8 MV And On This Path

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide. 3x Open wide, open wide, open wide! The gates are open wide. So enter in, the gates of holines are open wide. 3X Open wide, open wide, open wide! The gates are open wide.

Reflection Mobs, Incitement and Unrealized Expectations

Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem Luke 19: 28-40

Learning with Children

Hymn 122 VU All Glory, Laud and Honour

Prayer of Confession

If ever there was a time for confession, O God, this is it.

sing Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

We are a lot like the palm waving crowd, wanting something that wasn't promised, expecting something that wasn't offered.

sing Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

We are so ready to substitute happy and shallow for thoughtful and deep. We are so attracted to the "feel good" that we

choose it instead of deeper meaning.

sing Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Forgive us for the easy answers, the quickly grasped and the unreflective responding.

sing Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

And may we remember that Jesus' kingdom, was not a kingdom, but a kin-dom, and was not of this world, but yours.

sing Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem Hosanna We Sing Stan Pethel

Listening

The Life and Work of the Community

Introit 118 VU Wonder and Stare

Hebrew Bible Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reponsive Reading: Psalm 31 *Part Two pg 758*

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Hymn 133 VU Go to Dark Gethsemane

Reflection Father and Son: A Story from Among the Crowd

(based on the account written in Luke 22:14 – 23:56)

Hymn 132 VU Bitter Was the Night

Offering and *Doxology (Tune 542 VU)

These Lenten gifts we bring, our living faith express We offer them most lovingly, and thus our hearts are blessed. O loving God, receive these gifts we gladly give That show our faith and hope and trust; your way we seek to live.

Prayers of the People

Hymn 136 VU O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

We continue now in Holy Week – in worship, in contemplation, and in the routine and not so routine requirements, choices and decisions that accompany our lives at all times of the year. This is all part of this journey, in a time and series of events that intersect our secular and sacred lives. If this time of worship seems unfinished, it is because it is not yet finished. We will continue with worship at other times this week: On Friday here at 11:00 am, on Easter Sunday at 7:00 am at Pilot's Monument and here on Easter Sunday at 11:00 am. Worship has not ended, but the service has already begun and may it continue...

Your assistance would be appreciated to help prepare our worship space for the creation of a Labyrinth.

Please help by stacking the chairs in the kitchen and along the walls.