



# Pacific Beach

## United Methodist Church

ONLINE WORSHIP  
MARCH 28, 2021  
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

#### Introductions and Invitations

#### Welcome & Welcoming Music

#### Call to Worship

One: The story of faith is a story of courage.

**All: it took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.**

One: it took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

**All: It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.**

One: It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to lower him through the roof.

**All: it took courage for Peter to walk on water.**

One: It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

**All: It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.**

One: Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

**All: Again and again, God, show us the way.**

One: Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

#### Hymn #278

"Hosanna, Loud Hosannas"

#### Call to Confession:

Author Glennon Doyle frequently uses the phrase, "We can do hard things." As a result, this declaration has become a motto for many. These few simple words aren't particularly radical, but they reflect the deep truth that life and faith require courage. Vulnerability requires courage. Relationships require courage. Advocacy and justice require courage. Facing our privilege requires courage. Faith requires courage. Even confession requires courage. So friends, let us do hard things. Let us confess together, trusting that God is always there, cheering us on in every act of courage. Let us pray...

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of palm branches and hallelujahs:**

**We confess – we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.**

**We love the sound of a joyful parade.**

**We love shouting, "Hallelujah!"**

**We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.**

**We love good news.**

**However, if we slow down and pay attention, we know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.**

**There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.**

**You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire, and the whole world knew it.**

**Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.**

**Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage, and even we can do hard things.**

**With hope we pray. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness:

One: Family of faith, even when we gloss over the truth, even when our courage fails us, even when we doubt that we can do hard things, God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us. Hear and believe this truth:

**All: We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. Again and again and again. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #3004 "Step by Step"*)

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children In Ministry

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Message: "Hosanna!"

Lori Leopold

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer (*we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3008 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"*)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Gifts (*followed by*)

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (*we read and pray aloud together*)

**Gracious God, you have given us blessings beyond measure: hearts of mercy, hands of grace, and the presence of Christ in our souls and in our lives. We can never repay what we have received, so help us carry it forward. May we use the gifts of hearts and hands to sustain the weary in word and in deed. May we be awakened to all who long for God's peace, and have courage enough to walk with them.**

Scripture: Mark 15:1-39

Hymn #288

"Were You There" (v. 1, 2, 5)

Benediction

**All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online  
via Zoom (*may require app download*).**

