

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
 March 28, 2021

Prelude Westminster Chimes Rheatta Petty

Greeting Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Call to Worship Rheatta Petty

The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"

But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.

Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - UMH 278 Rheatta Petty

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
 The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
 Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
 For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
 O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
 And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Prayers of the People

Children's Sermon Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11 Rheatta Petty

Sermon Again & Again, Our Hopes Fade
 Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offering

Hymn All Who Hunger - FWS 2126 Rheatta Petty

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wandering.
 Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming.
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 We that once were lost and scattered
 In communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here, in peace, we have been led.
 Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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, we know that Palm Sunday is just the beginning.

Forgive us for turning our backs on you when our hopes fade.

Remind us that you are working in ways that we don't understand.

Sustain our hope we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Family of faith,

Even when things don't turn out as we expect,

Even when we are disappointed and disillusioned,

Even when our faith falters during hard times,

God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us.

Hear and believe this truth:

We are known.

We are loved.

We are forgiven.

Again and again and again. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Communion, *cont'd.*

It is right and a good thing always and everywhere...

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of death:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...all honor and glory is yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 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

Commission and Blessing

Postlude Thy Holy Wings, O Savior Rheatta Petty