



HOME WORSHIP
APRIL 5, 2020

Welcome

Opening Song: Nearer, Still Nearer by Chris Tomlin

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

We come to prepare for this holy week.
We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.
Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.
We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.
Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

(Adapted from re-Worship)

God's Greeting

Songs: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Nearer Still Nearer

Congregational Prayer and Offering time

Children's Message

Song: Hold me Jesus

Scripture: Mark 15:1-15

Sermon: Were you there when Jesus received no justice.

NOTES:

- As Barabbas sits in prison, what might he be experiencing?
 - This is the _____ prisoner released during Jesus's ministry.
 - How do you think others may have responded to his release?

- Reading through the Bible we are sometimes struck with the question,
"_____?"
 - How might we/you be experiencing this now?

- _____ also wondered about this.
He sent his followers to Jesus with what question?
- What does Jesus's response leave out?
 - What "blessing" does he give?
- While we might not get _____, we do have _____.
As corny as that sounds, it is truly _____.

Blessing

Song: Were You There

Confession and Lament:

God, we gather today to begin a week of contrasts.

From hope to despair to hope again.

As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd singing Hosanna,

**help us cut through the noise to see what is happening,
to see what is at stake.**

As the story unfolds we see Jesus weeping over the lost and what is to come,

open us to both the hope and the pain.

May this time of worship shape us for the coming week.

May it help us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait.

**We pray in the name of the one who weeps as he leads the parade,
and we share the words he shared with his closest friends:**

Our Father, who art in heaven....

(adapted from re-Worship)

Assurance

Through Jesus you are forgiven,

Reconciled to the Father, and given new life.

**We are confident that the light
which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus.

Our world belongs to you.

Song: My Soul Finds Rest