



Behold, thy King cometh...lowly

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March 20th, 2016

Palm Sunday

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M.

Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

***Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE **“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD”** BY: RICHARD HUDSON (V)
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

INTROIT **“KING OF KINGS” - VUMC Choir @ V** (#275)

****HYMN OF PRAISE, PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS**
“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA” UMH No. 278

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

****HYMN** **“TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS”** UMH No. 277

****CALL TO WORSHIP** **PSALM 31:1-16, RSP. 1** UMH No. 764

****OPENING LITANY/CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (SEE INSERT)**

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC VUMC-CHOIR **“HAIL KING OF KINGS” (V)**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **ZECHARIAH 9:9-10** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1124**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1430**

****GOSPEL** **MATTHEW 21:1-9** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1171**

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON **“PALM SUNDAY WAS SHORT LIVED”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER **UMH No. 895**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

OFFERING **“ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”**
SETTING BY: FREDRICK KAUFMANN (V)

****DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** **“FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT”** **UMH No. 279**

BENEDICTION IN UNISON:

Go Forward into this holy week with quiet confidence and sober joy; in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Father has fulfilled his plan. The true King has come for you. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE “WERE YOU THERE” (REFRAIN, VS 1)** **UMH No. 288**

POSTLUDE **“HOSANNA LOUD HOSANNA”** BY: RICHARD HUDSON (V)

The March 13th Liberty Pole Bulletin was given by Bill and Sandy Marohl.
The March 20th WVRQ Radio Broadcast and Viroqua Bulletins are given
by Robert and Janet Starr

Opening Litany

- L *Look! The King is coming into the city at last.*
- C **Hosanna! The King comes to save his people.**
- L *Look! The King is coming, riding on a lowly donkey.*
- C **Hosanna! The King comes to us in humility.**
- L *Look! The King is coming with no sword.*
- C **Hosanna! The King comes to us with peace.**
- L *Look! The King is coming without soldiers and without an army.*
- C **Hosanna! The King comes to us with compassion and mercy.**
- L *Look! The King is coming with resolute determination and purpose.*
- C **Hosanna! The King comes to us to accomplish God's will.**
- L *Look! The King is coming with tears and sorrow.*
- C **Hosanna! The King comes to us to suffer and to die.**

Confession and Absolution

- L *God does not always or even often do what we expect him to do or want him to do. We pray, but don't hear the answer we want. We hope, but nothing changes. We anticipate a miracle and get the status quo. We want splendor and majesty, and we get humility and weakness. We want glory, and we get agony. So easily faith falters and we fail to trust.*
- C **Lord, you do not always meet our expectations. Forgive us for failing to see and admit that the problem is not with you but with our expectations. Forgive us for refusing to receive you as you come to us. Forgive us for doubting the wisdom of your plan. Forgive us for despising your work and your gifts. Forgive us and teach us to trust you and your ways.**
- L *God comes to us today not as we expect him, but as we need him. He comes with the glory and splendor of grace and forgiveness. He comes in lowliness and humility; that you may be raised up from your sin and your failure. He comes to you and he forgives you. Amen.*

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Sun., March 20	9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday w/procession of palms @ LP
	10:30 a. m.	Palm Sunday w/ procession of palms @ V Choir sings @ V
Tues., March 22	11:45 a.m.	Play Practice @ V
	9:00 a.m.	Set up stations of the Cross @ V
	3:30-7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross @ V
Wed., March 23	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	10:00-7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross @ V
Thurs., March 24	6:30 p.m.	Tentative Play Practice @ V
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thurs. Service starts with a Soup Supper, Last Supper Drama, Holy Communion, choir sings
	8:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil @ V continues to 12:00 Noon on Friday Sign up sheet @ V Narthex
Fri., March 25th	10:00-Noon	Bell Choir plays at Southwest Prairie Lutheran Church
Sun., March 27th	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday—Ecumenical Service @ V, choir sings
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service led by Youth, followed by LEAPS (Lambs/Sheep) breakfast @ V
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service @ LP (no Sunday School)
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service @ V (no Sunday School)

Prayers List: Joanne H., Hester N., Carol H., Rod, Ann H., Robert P., Lana D., Brian B., Eric, Janet, Dr. Robert S., Jordan, Eric, Jessica, Jean W., and Family of Keith Skildum

Viroqua UMC offers two adult Bible Study classes from 9:00– 10:00 a.m., every Sunday morning.

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	Brittany Deaver & Chandlor Volden	Trygve & Irma Overbo
GREETERS	Brittany Deaver & Chandlor Volden	Dan Casper
LITURGIST	Brian Funk	Sonja Bjerkos
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	52	67
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$733.00	\$1,405.00

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