

MESSAGE

Dori Martz

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I refuse to believe that I am powerless. I refuse to believe that injustice and hatred are simply the way it has to be. I refuse to believe that I am better or more deserving than my neighbor. I refuse to believe that my self-worth is rooted in my accomplishments or appearance. I refuse to believe that the Church is dying, because I see God all around me. I refuse to believe that the traditions of old are the only path for moving forward. I refuse to believe that I cannot make a difference. So with hope in my heart, I will strive to live a life of courage, conviction, and compassion, Just as Jesus taught us. Amen.

*HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 276 Blue Book

THE OFFERING

The Invitation to Give
The Offertory
The Prayer of Dedication

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “God Be With You”

“God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.”



“Through The Palms” Lauren Pittman

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THE PRELUDE

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WORDS OF GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

THE 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.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 185

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison continued)

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #546 - Glory be to the Father)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Lesson:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Responsive Reading:

Pslam 118: 1-2, 19-29

The New Testament Lesson:

Philippians 2: 1-11

*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 198

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11: 1-11