

April 17, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The way has been prepared.

P: For the crowds it is the way of celebration.

L: For Jesus it is the way of completion

P: Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the holy city.

L: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

P: We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**MISSION MOMENT

Kerri Kane

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION “*Lead Me, Lord*”

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MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

“Another Parade”

Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN

“*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*”

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RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God’s love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Name above all names, as you emptied yourself for others, we offer ourselves and these gifts as a sign of our hope in your reign. Where there is death, bring life. Where there is sorrow, bring joy. Where there is injustice, bring courage for change. Amen.

*HYMN

“*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*”

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*LORD’S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.