

Westwood United Methodist Church  
Online Worship Gathering  
Sunday, April 15, 2020  
Palm Sunday

**PRELUDE**

***Processional***

William Mathias (1934-1992)

**Edward Murray**

*Organist*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Molly Vetter**

*Senior Pastor*

**MORNING PRAYER**

*Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people  
and the ways of our world in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love.  
Show us again the image of humility you desire for us,  
and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be our pathway,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.*

—Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion ed.  
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**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

**Cosette Dobson, Josie Hooten,  
Emma Pang-Le, and Oz Peterson**

*When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

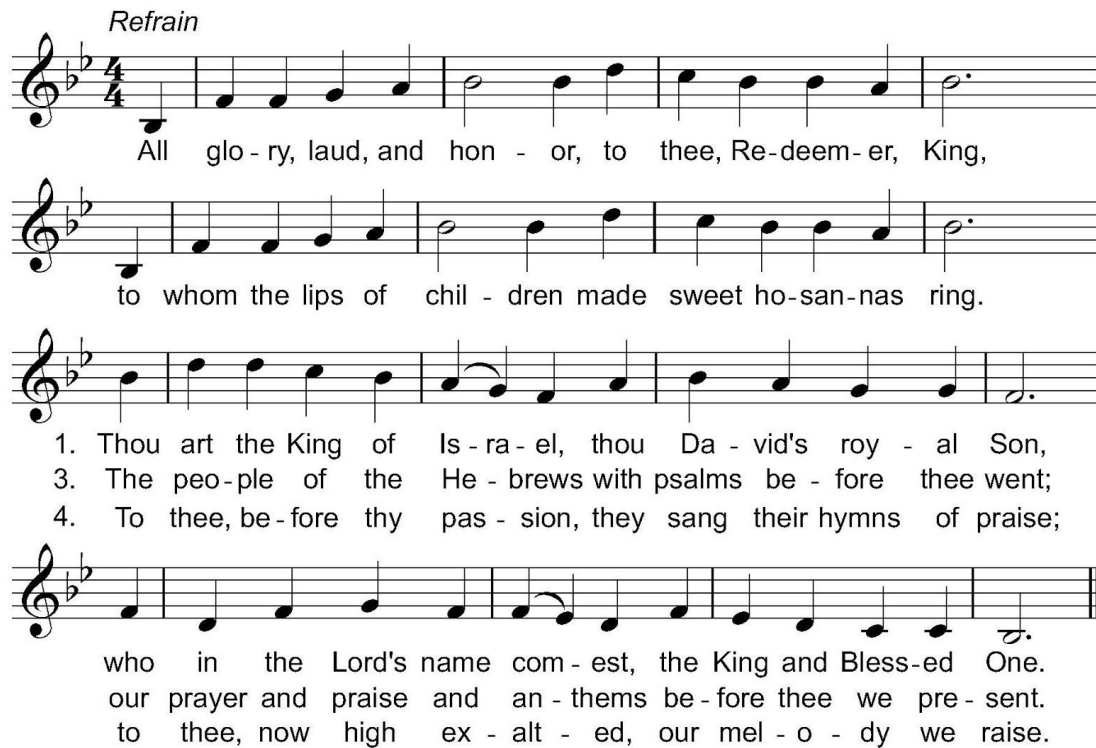
*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.*

**PALM PROCESSION**

***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

**Edward Murray**

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.  
 1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 3. The peo-ple of the He - brews with psalms be - fore thee went;  
 4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless-ed One.  
 our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851  
 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**Darin Arntson**

*Associate Pastor*

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
 who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
 Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence for personal confession.

*Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God.**

**Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

***Lamb of God***

**Sanctuary Quartet**

German Chorale, arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

*Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Patient still and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer;*

*Our sins by thee were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

—Text by Nicolaus Decius (1485-1541),  
translation by Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874)

**POEM**

***Slowly, Slowly, They Return***

**Darin Arntson**

Wendell Berry

*Slowly, slowly, they return  
To the small woodland let alone:  
Great trees, outspreading and upright,  
Apostles of the living light.*

*Patient as stars, they build in air  
Tier after tier a timbered choir,  
Stout beams upholding weightless grace  
Of song, a blessing on this place.*

*They stand in waiting all around,  
Uprisings of their native ground,  
Downcomings of the distant light;  
They are the advent they await.*

*Receiving sun and giving shade,  
Their life's a benefaction made,  
And is a benediction said  
Over the living and the dead.*

*In fall their brightened leaves, released,  
Fly down the wind, and we are pleased  
To walk on radiance, amazed.  
O light come down to earth, be praised!*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*For the inspired words of prophets and poets,  
**Thanks be to God!***

## HYMN

## Stay With Me

All (Graphic)  
Sanctuary Quartet (verses)

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*Stay here and keep watch with me.  
Watch and pray, watch and pray!  
Watch and pray not to give way to temptation.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Matthew 26:17-35

Molly Vetter

*On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."*

*While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

*Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.*

*This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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*Watch and pray not to give way to temptation.  
The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.*

## SERMON

## What Will You give?

Darin Arntson

## Matthew 26:36-46

*Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."*

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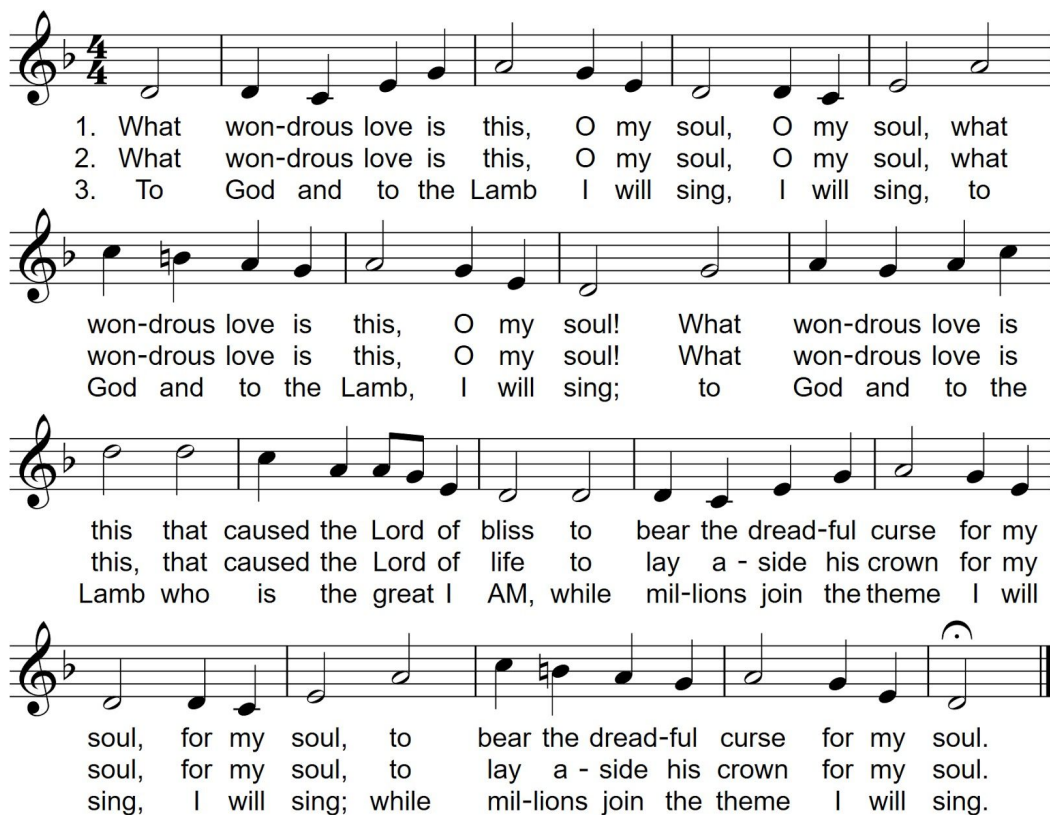
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## HYMN

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH No. 292



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 this, that caused the Lord of life to lay a - side his crown for my  
 Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme I will

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.  
 soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.

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## BENEDICTION

Darin Arntson

## POSTLUDE

*Aria on a Chaconne*

Edward Murray

Joel Martinson

# Participating in Today's Service

Molly Vetter, *Senior Pastor*  
Darin Arntson, *Associate Pastor* (Preaching)

Andrew Schultz, *Director of Sanctuary Music*  
Edward Murray, *Guest Organist*

## **Sanctuary Quartet**

Sherley-Ann Belleus, *soprano*  
Ariana Davis, *guest alto*  
Taylor Jacobs, *tenor*  
Byron Jones, *guest baritone*