<u>Call to Worship:</u> (Please Stand)

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

<u>People</u>: Blessed are we, for we have been created by the same God.

Leader: Blessed is the sound of voices lifted up in praise.

<u>Unison</u>: Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God! Hosanna! (Laura Jaquith Bartlett, 2009)

"Simple Gifts" TUMC Bell Choir

Unison Prayer

God of infinite power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not through violence. Help us to learn the meaning of power and of glory through Christ, who, though being one with you, took on the form of a servant and shared our human life. May we truly participate in the life and struggles of the world's peoples, to your glory. Amen.

Hymn "Good, Good Father"

<u>Praying for others</u>: Generous and Mothering God of creation and creature, let peace and justice bathe the land. Beat the swords of war into the plowshares of peace as we pray for the world you so dearly love. And now, let us share our concerns and joys for today...

(Sharing other Joys and Concerns)

Robin Curtin's brother, Jerry. Colleen Rivers, recovering from surgery at home. Hip replacement recovery for Eric. Patt Bowlsby's sister Gerry is undergoing Chemo. Ula Druliner, Lung Cancer. Lloyd Gooding, recovering in assisted living. John Bartholomew undergoing testing for possible Liver Cancer. People of the Ukraine and their loved ones near and far.

SILENT PRAYER TIME

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 tempation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Song "Here I Am to Worship"

Reflection: Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Hymn: "The Wonderful Cross"

<u>Benediction:</u> May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus this day and always.

Sending Song "Spirit of the Living God"

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