

TUMC Worship for Palm Sunday April 5, 2020  
Rev. Amy Overton-Harris



(a note on the music selections today, if there are ads simply skip them when prompted)

Opening Blessing,

May the love of God be with you this day as we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. May the power of Jesus, continue to lift you up with new life and hope, and may the presence of the Holy Spirit bring you peace. Amen.



Hosanna Loud Hosanna

(Control+Click) on the link below for this glorious hymn of our faith.

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Opening Prayer

Most gracious God, in this time of separation may we find in your words the comfort and presence of your love in our lives. May the people we touch through social media, on the phone, over the fence and across the street bring us closer together as we continue to be your body and your life-giving people in this time of crisis and dire need. You give us the wisdom and compassion to share with others, to protect the vulnerable, to speak words of encouragement, and to send messages of grace. You know our fears in this storm and you speak to us words of calm as we continue on one step at a time together. We thank you for being with us every moment. Amen.

As always we are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers.

THIS WEEK:

- Mildred Wells, on Hospice with debilitating back pain.
- Ofilia Boyd in hospital after a stroke. She will have surgery on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> for Spinal Stenosis.
- Any who are suffering with the Covid 19 virus.
- Health Care and essential workers.
- Those who have lost their jobs and businesses.



- Those who have inadequate housing and resources.
- Those who work remotely from home.
- Benson Raby healing from poison oak.
- Parents who are homeschooling.
- Teachers who are distance teaching.
- Children who can't see why life is different for now.

**(please send any additional prayer requests to Amy)**

**And let us join together in the Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be  
as it is in heaven. Give us this  
trespasses, as we forgive those  
into temptation, but deliver us  
power and the glory forever.



hallowed by thy name.  
done on earth  
day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
who trespass against us. And lead us not  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
Amen

**Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor** (control+click on link below)

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### **Luke 19:30-40** (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>a</sup> “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

### **Reflections from Rev. Amy**

Well, here we are in the month of April. Who would have thought we would find ourselves in such a circumstance? I pray for each of you every day. Speaking for myself, I find in the midst of sheltering at home, that I am feeling a pervasive sense of vulnerability. Vulnerability is not a comfortable space for me, and how self-revealing is that? Of course, I am vulnerable! Of course, we all are vulnerable! I wonder why I think that if I do all the right things and live with a sense of purpose, calling and caregiving, that I won't fall prey to being vulnerable myself. When I reflect on this passage, it smacks me in the face: Jesus surely came face to face with his own vulnerability! Mostly we can't imagine that Jesus, the Savior, could possibly feel vulnerable. And yet, he makes the journey to Jerusalem with a good idea, I bet, of what is yet to come. How could he not feel humanly vulnerable? He was betrayed, left behind and executed. Feeling vulnerable is a reality of our life together in this world, especially now.

Being vulnerable brings us face to face with what is important to us in life. Unimportant things seem to fall off the radar. When we see what is important in life, suddenly there is a burst of endurance, a strength of character about what matters, and before we know it there is an urgent call to hope, new life, and love. Yes, we are in difficult times, yes for many of us this is unprecedented, and yes, please believe me, God always shows up in our midst. Jesus makes the painful and difficult journey to say that there is more to life than being afraid, there is the never-ending love of God. Jesus joins us on our journey to loudly proclaim, nothing ever will be able to separate us from the love of God. Jesus makes the journey to Jerusalem to assure us that sickness, fear, hate, selfishness, and death will never prevail. To show us that new life

wins, love wins, community wins, hope wins and nothing will ever separate us from the love of God. We live with hope, even in a pandemic.

**“And even if we remain quiet, the stones themselves will start to sing.” (Luke 19:40)**

I *love* that part of the scripture... even if we as human beings weren't involved in this whole creation, God's love and embrace of the whole of creation is so all encompassing, the stones themselves would start to SING!

God isn't waiting for us to be good enough, strong enough, righteous enough.... We are good, and strong and faithful. God meets on the road every day, every hour, every moment with love and grace, no matter what!! (even if you are hoarding TP!) God gives us a spirit of perseverance and courage in the midst of fear and worry. And ponder for a moment, what actual act of courage can you think of that doesn't involve vulnerability??? God meets us no matter where we are, what we are doing and has poured love and life into our hearts.

God will journey with us. And this is our calling right now: We will engage one another in endless love. We will strive for what is right and just. We will be a presence of comfort and support. We will seek out the lost and lonely. We will see light in the darkness. We will be a spiritual presence of hope. We will stand up together and walk forward on the road ahead.

I know that many of us may feel worried, fatigued, maybe even a little fragile. And possibly you feel lost in a way you have never felt before. I guarantee you, that you will be found. That the God of heaven and earth will search endlessly and bring you home.

You will be found. Amen



You will be Found from “Dear Evan Hansen”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boZDw7csDA4>

## **Offering time**

Although we are not gathered together in one space, we invite you to continue your gracious offerings to our congregation. There are several options while we are apart. You can use Automatic Bill Pay which you can set up with your bank. Tim and I use this option and it is very convenient, our monthly pledge is mailed from the bank directly to the church. Of course, you can always send a check snail mail if you wish. Those of you who would like to donate electronically, our treasurer Wes Tanac, has the electronic giving option set up on our web site ([www.tualatinumc.org](http://www.tualatinumc.org)) find this button **DONATE CLICK HERE** TO DONATE ON LINE.

Thank you so much for your generosity for the life of our church family, staff, and our ongoing ministry together. With your help we will be able to make employee payroll for the month of April. Bless you.

## **Good News to Share**

### **Sowing kindness: Kelso school gifts pots of edible plants to families**

KELSO, WA (KPTV) – Starting on Wednesday, families in Kelso can grow their own produce at home with help from a local school.



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Catlin Elementary is offering up seeds and pots of edible plants. They were meant for kids to learn how to grow in class, but with no students actually in school, the next best thing is to send them home to families who would like to use them.

On Wednesday, there were 25 ten to fifteen-gallon pots ready to go to their new homes, filled mostly with radishes, kale and five other lettuces, and some with snap peas. Families had a chance to take a pot home with them during Wednesday's regularly scheduled lunch distribution.

"We have time and plants and soil and resources, so we're putting that together to hand these out and people have been really supportive," Ian Thompson with Lower Columbia School Gardens said.



Tommy Holland Belfast Community Worker, (Covid Response )  
“Love in Action”

"When you go out and see the empty streets, the empty football fields, the empty GAA pitches, even the empty children's play parks, don't say to yourself, 'It looks like the end of the world', he says.

What you are seeing is love in action. What you are seeing in those empty spaces is how much we do care for each other.

We care for our grandparents, our parents, our brothers and sisters, for all those with underlying health problems. We care for people we will never meet. People will lose jobs over this. People will lose businesses and some will also lose their lives.

This is all the more reason to just take a moment when you're out on your walk or on your way to the shops or just watching the news to look into the emptiness and marvel at all of that love. Let it fill you and let it sustain you.

It isn't the end of the world - it is the most remarkable act of global solidarity we may ever witness in our lifetime.

Under the shelter of each other, people survive.

So stay safe folks, stay at home and may God bless you all."

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**Chris Rice**

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