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SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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MEDITATION

One way to define the spiritual life is getting so tired and fed up with yourself you go on to something better, which is following Jesus.

– Eugene Peterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Adapted from Psalm 118 and Matthew 21:1-11*

TIMOTHY SPANGLER

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

**People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey, we greet you!

**People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children, we cheer you!

**People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power, we salute you, Christ our Lord!

**People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity. You are giving majesty a new face. You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest! We worship you, O Christ, our living Lord!**

WELCOMING SONG\* *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Jennette Threlfall, words; Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle)

HYMN NO. 267 Verse 1: Loud!  
Verse 2: Softly  
Verse 3: Loudest Hosanna!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

TIM SPANGLER

Holy One, you enter Jerusalem to the shouts and praise of the crowd. Riding down the Mount of Olives into the Holy City, you know what awaits you. Still, you ride on. As we walk through this week, we see the strength of your love. Though we forsake you, your love for us never wavers. You save us from ourselves, and you show us the power of God’s love. As we worship you today, open our eyes to the ways you walk with us. Through this week, draw us closer to you. Guide our thinking. Guide our actions. Shape our lives, that we might grow in love, grow in grace, and grow in living as those who share the Way of your Spirit. Amen.

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>‘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.’

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!’

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

ANTHEM *The Holy City*

UCSJ CHOIR; VINCE SNOWBARGER, SOLOIST; ALEX BIRCK, TRUMPET

(Frederick E. Weatherly, words; Stephen Adams and Stephen DeCesare, music)

Last night I lay a-sleeping,  
There came a dream so fair,  
I stood in old Jerusalem  
Beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing,  
And ever as they sang,  
Me-thought the voice of angels  
From Heaven in answer rang;

**"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Lift up your gates and sing,  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna to your King."**

And then I thought my dream was changed,  
The streets no longer rang,  
Hush'd were the glad Hosannas  
The little children sang.  
The sun grew dark with mystery,  
The morn was cold and chill.  
As the shadow of a cross arose  
Upon a lonely hill.

**"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Hark! How the Angels sing,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna to your King!"**



And once again the scene was changed,  
New earth there seem'd to be.  
I saw the Holy City  
Beside the tideless sea;  
The light of God was on its streets.  
The gates were open wide,  
And all who would might enter.  
And no one was denied.

No need of moon or stars by night  
Or sun to shine by day.  
It was the new Jerusalem  
That would not pass away.

**"Jerusalem! Jerusalem  
Sing for the night is o'er!  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for evermore!"**



<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,  
 being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death—  
 even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

*“A Mindful Mindset”*

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY\*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIM SPANGLER AND PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

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**CLOSING SONG\* *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!***

CONGREGATION

(Henry H. Milman, words; Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*)

**HYMN NO. 268** Verse 1: All  
Verse 2: Women  
Verse 3: Men  
Verse 4: All  
Verse 5: All

**CLOSING PRAYER**

TIM SPANGLER

Merciful God, as we journey through Holy Week, help us to walk closely with Jesus. From the joyous procession of Palm Sunday to the sorrow of Good Friday and the ultimate triumph of Easter, remind us of the profound love You have for us, a love that endures all trials and triumphs over all adversity. Strengthen our faith and keep us faithful to You. Amen.

**POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music***

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

**SENDING SONG *Christ The Eternal Lord*** (Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; George J. Elvery, music)

**HYMN NO. 335 Verse 4**

*Christ the unfading Light of everlasting day,  
Our morning star in splendor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth you give to servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief journey ends.*

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