

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
MARCH 24, PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

PIANIST: No Pianist [video]

WELCOME

Please gather at the entry door

GOSPEL READING: John 12: 12-16

Procession Into the Church waving branches and Singing:

HYMN: VU # 124 “He Came Riding on a Donkey.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Leader: As we light the candles in anticipation of Jesus coming riding on a donkey, we remember the events leading to Jesus’ betrayal, passion, and death, and are reminded of Christ’s victory over death.

All: We hold palm branches as a symbol of our commitment to journey with him even to the cross waiting for his resurrection.

Leader: As we extinguish the candle may we know that although Christ stands naked and disgraced, he will be clothed and will reign forever.

[A candle is extinguished]

HYMN: VU # 108 “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights.”
[verse 6 only]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, let us praise the Lord who comes in the name of God.

All: We sing hosanna, laud, and honor the liberating King.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord Jesus with our voices and instruments waving our palms.

All: With shouting and waving, we proclaim the Lord’s triumph.



****OPENING HYMN:** VU # 122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour.”

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in Unison)

God, sometimes we hide ourselves from being identified and recognized as your followers. Sometimes we deny and doubt you during twists and turns of life. As we worship and prepare to enter holy week, restore us by your transforming love to faithfully continue to journey through suffering, death, to the light of the resurrection. We ask this through the one who comes in your name, the Christ Jesus. Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dear friends, God understands our limitations, allay our fears, and pardons our sins. Be encouraged as you follow Christ shouting, “hosanna in the highest heaven”. God is with you on your road to the cross and beyond. Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet one another with words of peace.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

All: And, with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** "Hosanna Praise is Rising" [Video by Curtis Shallow, a church organist and School band director]

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 14:1—15:47 [Dramatized]

The word of God to us, God's people.

REFLECTION: "EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED."

****HYMN:** VU # 144 "Were You There."

THE BIG QUESTION: Why do You Go to Church? **With Judy Carrell.**

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

We are invited to honor our Lord Jesus in our worship with our gifts and talents laying them at the feet of his cross.

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 187 "We Give our Thanks." [Video]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Lord, the crowds presented you their coats to walk on, waving palm branches shouting hosanna in the highest, blessed is Jesus your Son. Today we lay down our gifts, talents, and our whole selves, opening our hearts for transformation and the evolution of our world in which your kingdom comes. In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, so we pray:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 212 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

