Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada 403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Sunday, April -Palm/Passion Sunday

All Are Welcome

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

PIANIST: Videos for both W & B

Hymns: VU = Voices United & MV = More Voices
Text in **bold** = All the people reading it out loud

People gathered at the Church narthex

All glory, laud, and honour to Christ Jesus, whom our lips worship with resounding shouts of Hosannas, echoing through the halls of our faith.

Glory and honour to Christ Jesus, whom the lips of all the people gathered welcome with hosannas.

Hosanna, to the one who brings unmatched peace and hope to humanity, we bow in gratitude and reverence.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest with songs of praise. Blessed is he who brings peace. (Loud)

(inspired by VU # 122)

PROCESSION HYMN: VU # 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

WELCOME

LAND ACKKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We light the candle of Christ in our weariness, grief and sorrow as a reminder that we are the creator's beloved; we are never alone. We hope and trust in our creator even when betrayed, despised, and rejected. There is light in our faith journey

CANDLE HYMN: VU # 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights." (verse 6 only)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively inspired by Psalm 118 VU. P, 837)

Rejoice, oh, people of this community. shout Hosanna in a louder voice.

We shout Hosanna in the highest, our hearts unafraid, for our trust is steadfast in our creator.

Let us enter, for the gates are open wide. This is a day of joy and gratitude, a day made for us to be glad.

We enter with palm branches in our hands, our voices raised in a jubilant chorus, shouting Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (shaking branches)

OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: MV # 8 "And on This Path."

**A NEW CREED: VU # 918 [in unison]

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in unison)

Triumphant God, Cornerstone of our faith, when our bodies are wasted away and our minds exhausted, we turn to you. We lean on you, expecting your empowering Word. Even when we feel so betrayed, you are our encouragement. Help us have minds like Jesus's, inspired by his strength and resilience. And

when we are tempted to snuff out your light, as we are overpowered, remind us of Jesus's mindset. Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus enters in spirit in this place of worship, bringing unparalleled peace to us.

Let us joyfully greet each other with words of peace that Jesus brings to the world through us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you, and also, with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME: <u>Video Jesus Christ Superstar 2000 (Hosanna)</u>
<u>HD (From www.seedstuff.blog</u>spot.com

CHILDREN HYMN: VU # 357 "Tell me the stories of Jesus."

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19:28-40 (Drama following)

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

REFLECTION: "There is More Than we can See"

**HYMN: VU # 124 "He Came Riding on a Donkey."

MISSION & SERVICE STORIES: Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

**OFFERING HYMN: VU # 595 "We Are Pilgrims."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God, who reigns in different ways, times, and spaces, is the world's hope; we bring our gifts with a spirit of thankfulness as

you call us to follow in Jesus' way and walk his road to Easter. The way is to serve each other in love. We follow this way by offering our hearts, minds, and gifts, knowing that we are servants, God's feet and hands on the world. May these gifts bring healing and hope to our world. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN: MV # 221 "I am Walking a Path of Peace,"

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Beloved, you have experienced the peace that Christ brings; let us travel this path as we go out to the world.

We go out in faith to walk this path to Easter Sunday. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

