



**LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE**  
Pioneer, Hillside – 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship, March 24, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday in Lent,**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

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## **WE GATHER**

**Welcome**  
**Family Life and Work**  
**Family Celebrations**  
**The Palm Sunday Parade and Rap**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle and Call to Worship**

God of galaxies and molecules,  
with great hope and celebration  
we join the procession of life  
that underlies the coming of Christ, in Jesus of Nazareth.

The palm branches we hold are our own lives,  
offered as grateful hallelujahs in our time and our place  
Grateful that after fourteen billion years  
dormant in the stars,  
gestating in the pregnant Earth,  
evolving through human history  
and being born through the body and blood of his mother Mary over 2000 years  
ago, Jesus emerged.

## **Acknowledgement of the Land**

Jesus is the one we, as treaty people on Turtle Island, dare to name as our sacred fire—our Christ

Jesus opened up a pathway for all to walk—a path of respect for all creation leading towards wholeness and joy. With humility we seek to follow him.

## **Opening Hymn: And on This Path MV#8**

**And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide, and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide, and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide, Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gate are open wide!**

## **Prayer of Approach (unison)**

What joy is ours O God, as we take our place in the great procession of life, welcoming and blessing the One who comes in your name.

We bless all who come with a yearning for wholeness in their hearts.

## **Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honour VU#122**

All glory, laud and honour  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Israel,  
and David's royal son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and blessed one. R
  
- 2 The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. R
  
- 3 To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;

to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. R

- 4 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious king. R

### **WE LISTEN**

**Scripture The Story in two voices Mark 11: 1-11**

**Sermon: Jesus' Peace Protest (a few short remarks before communion)**

### **WE RESPOND**

**Service of Holy Communion: (See insert)**

O Holy, holy, holy GOD (MV #203)  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen. MV #204  
Amen, Amen, O Holy One! (MV #205)

**Call for Offering: Grant Us God the Grace VU#540**

**Closing Hymn: My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning) MV#120**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

### **Refrain:**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.**

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,

and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. **(Refrain)**

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- March 26** Lenten Study group 3:30 -5 p.m.  
**March 29** **GOOD FRIDAY—Stations of the Cross**  
**March 31** **EASTER services.**  
**SUNRISE (outdoor fire) 7 am**  
**EASTER BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30**  
**FESTIVAL of the RESURECTION: EASTER**  
**April 7** Easter 1 Guest minister: Lorna Bywater  
**April 10** Leadership Team Mtg. 10 am,  
**April 10-13** **BLOOMING VIOLET 2 evenings, 2 matinees**  
Check website for tickets and more info,  
**April 14** **Shared Worship at Pioneer and ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Barbecue luncheon hosted by Jennifer Parker and Anne Marie Switzer**  
**April 21** **Earth Day Service**  
**May 12** **Mother's Day Service and back to 3 preaching points**  
**Re-opening of Knox and Stewart**  
**Service times: Knox 9:00 a.m., Stewart 10:15 am and Pioneer 11:30 p.m.**

### **Ongoing Stewardship Options:**

- 1. In person and on the plate. (Each congregation has a different practice around this but you can't miss it!)**

**2. Via PAR (preauthorized remittance). Then you don't have to think about it again.  
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