



**Kincardine United Church  
Palm Sunday  
April 9, 2017 10:30 a.m.**

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Welcome. You bless us with your presence. Visitors are invited to sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

**Bold print invites you to say the words.** \*invites you to stand as you are able.

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**PRELUDE** Op. No 122, No. 9 My Heart is Ever Longing

*J. Brahms*

**WELCOME**

**LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY** by Jeanyne Slettom

Let us pray:

**Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbours; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together in this place.

**To raise our branches in joy!**

Joining all who wish to see Jesus

**eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.**

We gather together in this place.

**To raise our branches in hope!**

Joining all who wish to hear Jesus

**longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.**

We gather together in this place.

**And we will lay down our branches in fear.**

Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus

**through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair.**

We gather together in this place.

**And we will wave branches of prayer.**

**Walking toward the Cross, and the empty tomb.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God, as we complete our walk with Jesus during this Lenten season, keep us genuine to your call upon our lives. Although we know this walk is not an easy one, we know that you will offer us your divine guidance. We will face temptations and we know that it may be difficult for us to remain dedicated to our call in Christ. In this season of preparation and spiritual discernment, we pray that you strengthen our resolve. We pray for your help, O God. Amen.

\*HYMN VU #412 This is the Day

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that the streets of our lives are often crowded with a parade mood filling the air masking a callous indifference and lukewarm faith.

**Save us from thin hopes and small dreams.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN VU #357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

SHARING TIME Celebration

\*HYMN VU #123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM #118 Parts 3 & 4 on page 837 in Voices United

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 NT page 197

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11 NT page 23

## GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen

## WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND LOVE

**\*HYMN VU #127** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

**MEDITATION** It's a Parade

**ANTHEM** Ride on King Jesus

*Spiritual, arr. D. Moore*

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (say together)

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### OFFERING INVITATION

**OFFERTORY** Op. No 122, No. 10 My Heart is Ever Longing

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### OFFERTORY HYMN

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair,  
**may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife and justice-seeking that  
creates all good hope. Amen.**

**HYMN VU #135** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

### BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

**POSTLUDE** Op. 122, No. 11 O World, I Must Now Leave Thee

*J. Brahms*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 📺 Thank you

**COUNTERS** 💰 Liz & Barry Schmidt

**APRIL HOUSE LEADERS** 🏠 Sheila Bauer & Sharon Cox

**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS** ♦ Tara Tourloukis, Cate Crawford-Thompson

**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Liz Dillman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ✍️ Krista Ritchie

**WORSHIP** 🏹 Pastor Judy Zarubick