

**Immanuel United Church
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday**

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES

Today, we acknowledge the land that we are gathered on is Treaty 1 territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota Peoples, as well as the homeland and the heart of the Red River Metis People, who for thousands of years, walked gently on this land with deeply rooted gifts of spirituality, culture and ways of knowing.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and give thanks for the connection we share with this land – in times past and also in the present day.

Today we are called to seek a new relationship as Indigenous and nonindigenous people, creating one based on friendship, built on respect, and one that produces peace, remembering that we are all treaty people.

As we enter this time of worship,

The rainbow candle is lit

To symbolize and remind us

Of the commitment that we have made To be an inclusive and welcoming community, and that all belong here. The Spirit candle is present, pointing to the presence of God guiding our lives always.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCESSION AND CELEBRATION

Hymn : VU#123 Hosanna Loud Hosanna

MOMENT TO PRAY:

**We praise you O God,
For your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
And was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and
branches along his way.
May we too choose to follow his way of inclusion and welcome.
Let our commitment be a sign of his victory, and a challenge to the world of
violence and control.
In Jesus name we pray,
AMEN**

HYMN: VU# 124 He Came Riding

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 11:1-11

Mark 14:1-9

CHOIR ANTHEM: "On That Day He Rode Into Jerusalem"

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 129 Said Judas to Mary

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

We are a people blessed and blessing, may the sacrifices we make and the gifts we share become a rainbow of Hope in a world aching and broken.

Doxology VU# 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Let us Pray:

**Holy One, in our sharing, and in our praying,
and in our serving, may the world know
healing and compassion.**

AMEN

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

HYMN: MV#8 And On This Path

COMMISSIONING:

CHORAL Blessing "Go In the Grace of the Lord"

POSTLUDE