

## GOING FORTH

✠ Closing Hymn #278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" [v.v. 1-3]

✠ Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace

Postlude

musical selection by Tim Smith

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,  
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.  
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!  
Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status,  
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*

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## New Milford United Methodist Church

Passion/Palm Sunday  
April 09 | 2017  
9:30am



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The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

***Italicized Bold print*** invites congregational response in unison.

✠ Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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**ENTRANCE & PRAISE**

**Prelude** musical selection by Tim Smith

**Welcome & News**

✠ **Opening Hymn #280** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" [v.v. 1-3]

✠ **Call to Worship**

L: Our Lord entered the gates of the Holy City.

**P: Crowds shouted his praise and waved palm branches.**

L: But within the bounds of the city there were those who feared him.

**P: Even on this day, there are those who let fear claim their lives.**

L: Lord, enter our lives this day with your healing presence.

**P: Be with us as we march with you toward the cross. AMEN.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise #280** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" [v.v. 4-5]

**Message on the Steps**

[after this message children are invited to continue to worship at the Sunday School class.]

✠ **Gospel Reading** "Matthew 21:1-11"

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

God of Courage,  
give us wisdom,  
that we may sustain the weary  
with our words.

As we speak,  
help us also to listen.

**Amen.**

**Anthem** "The Palms" by Jean Baptiste Faure

Chancel Choir

**Listening for God's Message**

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

Lord, we confess that we would rather have a nice parade, with banners waving and people cheering than to face the suspicious eyes of the fearful people. We want them to believe in Jesus right away and to walk away from the path to the cross. But it could not be so. Jesus walked straight into the path of destructive fear and faced it with his life.

From his table of compassion and from the cross he offered healing words of love and hope. As we continue our Lenten journey, forgive us, we pray, for our eagerness to leave the scenes of hurt, anger, and hostility and to march into the bright sunlight that will be Easter. Give our souls healing so that Easter may truly shine through us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear this good news!

The procession is ever moving forward.

We can join at any moment.

The invitation still stands!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God! Amen!**

✠ **Hymn of Response #185** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" [v.v. 1-2]

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

✠ **Doxology TFWS #2036** "Give Thanks"

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,*

*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son, (2x)*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (2x) Give thanks! (2x)*

**Offertory Prayer**