

# Solomons United Methodist Church

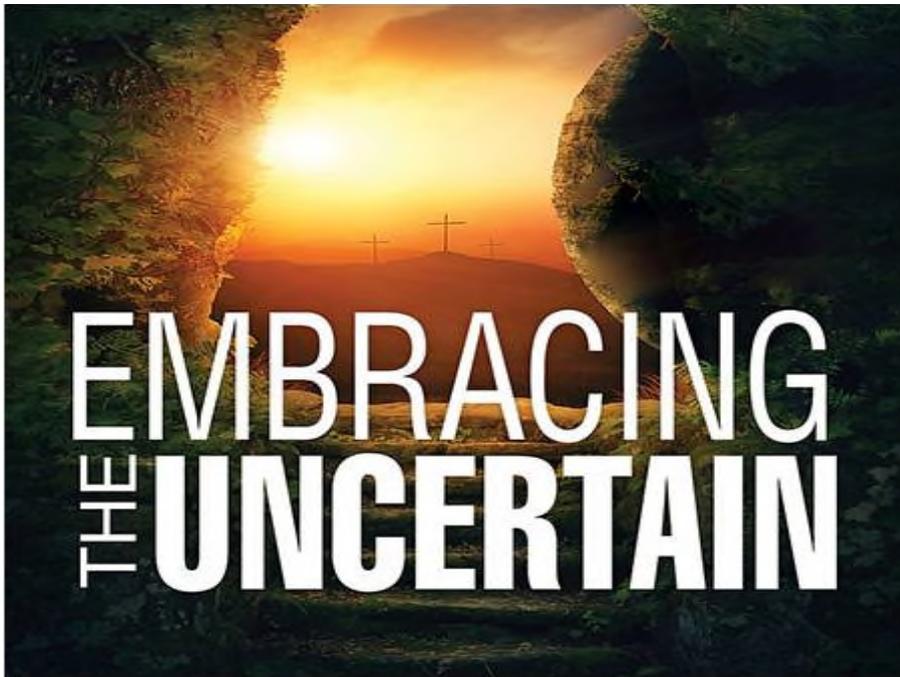
*Loving, serving and growing in the name of Jesus Christ*

## PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship



*Yet not what I want but what you want, my Father.*

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# THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

Hymnal # 280

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible p. 823

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal #278

*Hosanna Loud Hosanna*

Sermon

Rev. Dottie Yunger

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Hymn #95

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save Us!" to "Crucify Him." We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities. We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore.

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers.

Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors.

Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget,  
and we grow weary.

Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life. In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and whom we follow. Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy are you, O Great God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

*The Words of Institution follow*

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*\*\*Communion is open to everyone in attendance. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the juice provided for you. We offer gluten-free communion, please let us know when you come forward..*

**Communion Hymn**

Hymnal #285

*To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord*

**Communion Prayer**

**Children's Time with Pastor Dottie**

# SENDING FORTH

## Responsive Reading

Men: Jesus enters the city and the people cry, "Hosanna!"

Women: Jesus enters the city and the Pharisees cry, "Blasphemer!" Jesus enters the city and the people cry, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Men: Jesus enters the city and the Pharisees cry, "We must rid ourselves of this threat!" Jesus enters the city and the people cry out, "Blessed is the Son of David."

Women: Jesus enters the city and the Pharisees cry out, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

All: Jesus enters the city and says, "If the people keep quiet, the stones WILL cry out!"

Men: As the end nears, a woman kisses Jesus' feet – anointing him with her tears and costly perfume.

Women: As the end nears, a friend kisses Jesus' cheek – betraying him for a sack of coins.

Men: As the end nears, Jesus says "You will deny me three times."

Women: As the end nears, Peter says "Never."

All: In the end, Peter did. We, too, look at the events of that week and say, "Never, Lord." Never would we be in the angry mob at Jesus' trial. Never would we deny You. But, like Peter, we do not always live out our faith.

Men: In our words, we cry out—

Women: "Crucify Him!" In our actions, we cry out —

Men: "Crucify Him!" In our thoughts, we cry out —

Women: "Crucify Him!" And like those caught up in the crowd thousands of years ago, we cry out —

Men: "Crucify Him!"

Women: "Crucify Him!"

All: "Crucify Him!"

\*Benediction