



"This Is Us: We Make Decisions"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

Luke 19:28-40

Value: Worship

11:00 am

April 14, 2019

## WE GATHER

Prelude — Trumpet Voluntary  
John Stanley, composer

Welcome  
Rev. Chuck Graff

Choral Call to Worship — God's Hands

MARK BURROWS, COMPOSER

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We are pulled in so many directions; so many duties and tasks seem to rule our lives and our choices.

**All: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

We are distracted by shallow loyalties; tempted by unworthy devotion.

**As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

Our choices too often compromise our dedication to the Kingdom of God.

**As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

Give us the courage to follow faithfully, loving as You love, giving as You give. Give us the strength to live out what we proclaim:

**As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!**

### \*Hymn 278 — Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ←

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang, through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Word of the Day:  
Choose

Memory Verse: "...  
choose this day  
whom you will  
serve;  
but as for  
me and my  
household, we will  
serve the Lord."

— Joshua 24:15

Hosanna is a word of praise meaning "Save, I pray." When the people shouted "Hosanna" as Jesus entered Jerusalem, they were saying that they believed he was the Messiah.

# \*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

To celebrate God's presence.

To love and serve others.

To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.



In death



In life beyond death



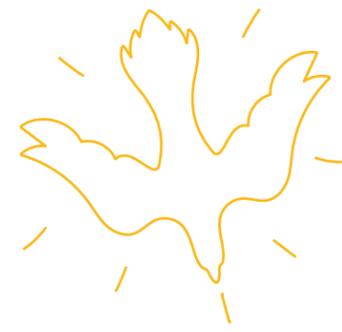
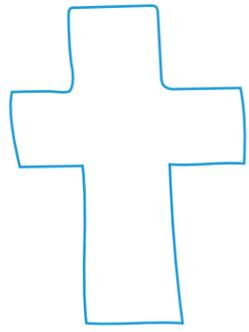
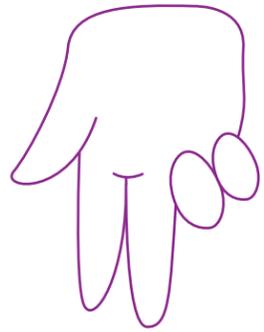
God is with us. We are not alone.



Thanks be to God.

Amen.

\*Gloria Patri  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.  
 Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

## WE PROCLAIM

Scripture — Luke 19:28-40  
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
 Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn 277 — Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

A Palm Sunday Reading  
 Rev. Linda McDermott

Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible — the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self — a true servant of God.  
 You can listen as the scripture is read, or... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

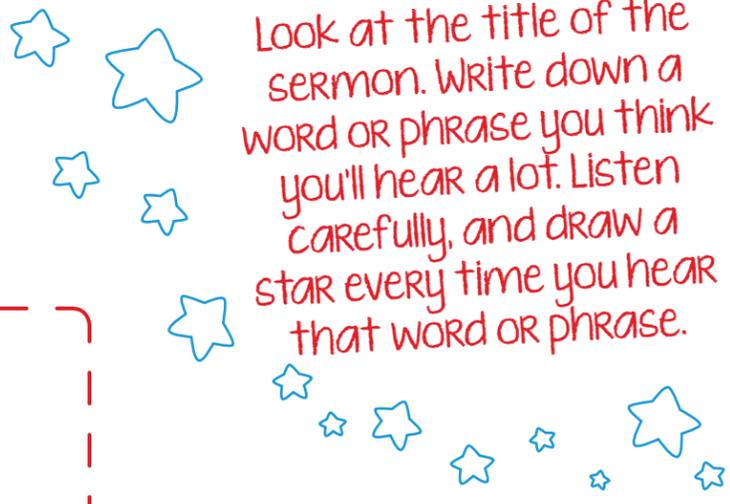
Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



# This Is Us: We Make Decisions

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Look at the title of the sermon. Write down a word or phrase you think you'll hear a lot. Listen carefully, and draw a star every time you hear that word or phrase.



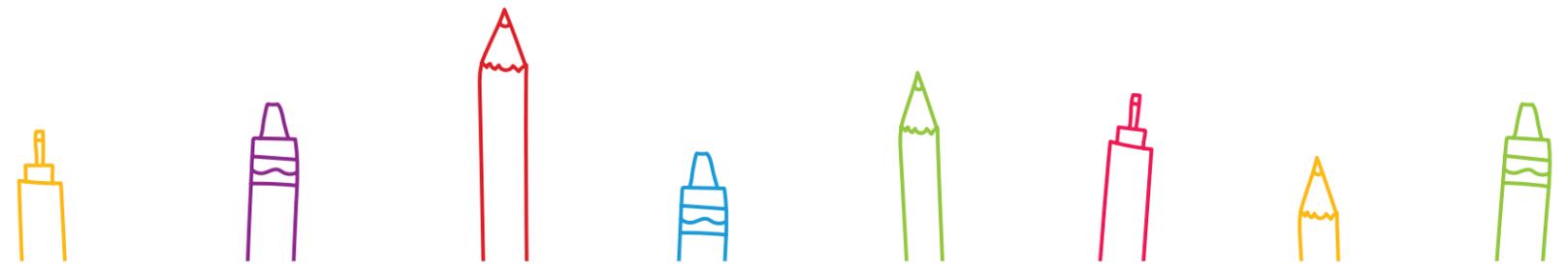
What about the sermon surprised you?

Take the Bible story, or one of the stories from the sermon, and create a storyboard. Think of it as a 4-panel comic strip that tells the story.



Be mindful.  
What is something deep inside you that God wants the world to know?

Make a list of all the things that distract you during the sermon. Can you fix some of these? Can God help?



# WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven.

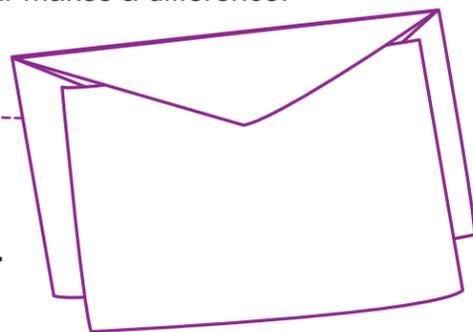
Give us this day our daily bread.

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,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Many years  
after Jesus went  
to heaven, the  
early church  
added this part  
of the prayer.  
Hold the prayer  
cross close to  
your heart as  
you say this part.



A Time of Giving

Offertory – Give to My Eyes, Lord

Ronald Corp, composer

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

\*Doxology 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn 280 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's  
name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went; our prayer and  
praise and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now  
high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all  
good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

\*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

**We will go out to be God's people in the world.**

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

Choral Benediction

\*Postlude – Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret, composer

The **white carnation** symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of  
J. W. Sellers.

Worship Leaders:

**Sermon:** Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

**Liturgists:** Rev. Chuck Graff, Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Linda McDermott

**Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark

**Choir:** Choral Union

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

**Instrumentalist and soloist:** Mr. Taylor White, trumpet, baritone

**Combined Children's Choirs:** Julie Dean, Chris Rathburn, Mark Burrows, directors  
Sara Davis, accompanist

\*Please stand as you are able.

How are you going  
to be one of God's  
people in the world  
this week?

# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

