



**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, March 25, 2018**  
**Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday**  
***Me & You & an Alternative View***

*Focus Statement: The crowds, as informed by Scriptural teaching, have certain expectations of the coming Messiah that come between their understanding and Jesus' lived experience, which defies their expectations. What does our reading of Scripture lead us to believe, and how might our encounters with Jesus challenge our expectations?*

## **Gathering**

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #238 Hosanna, loud hosanna**

**Palm Branches Processional [during hymn]**

**Hymn: STS (purple) #73 Jesus is coming** (v.1) Jesus is coming;  
(v.2) Children welcome Jesus; (v.3) Hope for all people; (v.4) Jesus is coming.

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship and Silent preparation

## **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**People:** **Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

**Leader:** The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

Invocation

Children's time

**Theme Song: "Between Me & You"** (by Bryan Moyer Suderman) (see insert)

## **Confession**

**Jesus, Messiah. The crowds around you can be thrilling, or frightening.**

**One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be shaped.**

**The next they are squeezing you, like putty in a clenched fist, demanding that you conform.**

**Is that what we do?**

**When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts.  
We get it, why the masses turned and your disciples faded away.  
Do you?**

**The time is ripe for change, then and now. Why can't you lead that  
change in a way we understand?**

**How is it that you define success so differently? It scares us to  
question you.**

**It's worse if we don't.**

**Forgive us for holding in questions so long that we can't bear the  
answers.**

**Forgive us for fearing the crowds, and the consequences.**

**Open our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.**

**Show us again this new way of living. Help us to love like you.**

### Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me."

### Offering

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #237 All glory, laud and honor**

### Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11 (see insert)

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #239 Ride on, ride on in majesty**

Sermon "Precious Cargo"

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #252 O sacred Head, now wounded**

### Entrance of the cross

### Benediction

**We are people of God.**

**We go in God's love**

**to extend God's love**

**and live God's promise.**

*Lenten theme: Our theme is "Between Me & You." This is about relationships, including covenants, between God, creation and each other.*

## Leading Us in Worship

Pianist	Mary Lehto
Music Leader	Marnie Gerster
Music to Welcome Jesus	EVERYONE!
Worship Leader	Elinor Snell
Children's Time	Ross Willard
Guitar	Dan Kramer / Dave Chodos
Congregational Prayer	Lorrie Shantz
Scripture Readers	Rachel Chodos / Sam Chodos / Natasha Krahn
Preacher	Gordon Allaby
Ushers	Derrick Rempel / Lynn Rempel
Sound	Reuben Janzen-Martin

**Headsets** for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

**Childcare (infants to age 4):** Staffed childcare is available in the nursery during the 10:45 Service. The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Ushers can direct you.

**Offering:** Thank you to those who contribute electronically. Offering cards are available (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

**Information Sheets** with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

**Welcome Visitors:** We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or one of the ministers.

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