Dear Friends:

There is a very telling moment in the Palm Sunday Gospel reading, the moment when the crowd that had just been singing welcome to Jesus entering Jerusalem, prior to his arrest, chooses the thief Barabbas to be released over Jesus. It speaks to the inherent nature of “crowds”—their instability and their often defaulting to the negative with tragic consequences.

On this Palm Sunday, in a sermon titled CROWD FLIPPING, we will ask ourselves how we as individuals might stand firmly and act definitively for the power of Good, and how those choices change the crowd into a fellowship of Love, rather than of fear. Our texts MATTHEW 21: 1-11 and PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29.

I will be using the spiritual “Deep River” as a way into these thoughts, as well as to add some music to our “zoom church” experience.

Rev. Katja will provide the links for the service at 11am this Sunday, April 5th.

As we continue to live into these times of social distancing, please remember to stay home, not just literally, but spiritually, remaining in the unshakeable Presence, power, wisdom and Love of God.

We remember and lift up all those who are in the front lines of healing this pandemic. May they be safe.
We remember and lift up all those who are not well in mind, body and spirit.
May they be healed.
We remember and lift up all those who are shaky about finances, and wellbeing.
May they be unshakeable.
We remember and lift up all the world’s beings.
May we be restored.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Bill
Senior Pastor

You are Precious, Sacred, and Beloved

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**Zoom instructions**

Please email Rev. Katja (contact info found below) for the Zoom link.
First, download the (free) Zoom app if you plan to join from your Mac/PC devices.
You can also join from your smartphones.
Click on the link in your browser and you are in.
Please be sure to turn on your camera (unless you really don't want to) and your microphone as well as the speakers so that you are heard and can hear.

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**Upcoming Spring Events**

Please email Rev. Katja for the Zoom link.

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