

## Connect Group Guide April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday / Passion Worship

## CONNECT

What have you noticed about yourself or your family in the past week that you haven't noticed before? If you are at home full time, have you adjusted your routines? If you are a medical professional or other essential worker, what's it like as you go back and forth from work to home?

## **GROW**

- If you grew up in the church, what do you remember about **Palm Sunday**? What songs or traditions from this church celebration have special meaning for you? Read together: <u>Mark 11:1-10</u>
- In Jesus' day, the people had all been **waiting** and waiting for God to send the Messiah. What experiences of waiting have you had in your life? Do you find waiting easy or difficult?
- The disciples go with Jesus to celebrate the **passover meal**, and we hear words of bread and wine, body and blood. What is the tone of this story compared to the one you read earlier? <u>Mark 14:12-26</u>
- In our current situation of waiting for answers surrounding the COVID-19 crisis, **how can we bring hope** to one another?

## **PRAY**

God, we are in a period of waiting. We don't know when this crisis will end, and we are scared. Remind us that you will never abandon us. You are with us, and you love us. Help us to see that through the cross, you speak to us and you bring us hope. Amen.