Beloved Siblings in Christ,

As we approach this final Sunday of Lent we are celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It's easy to focus on the joy of Palm Sunday and to be excited about the joy of Easter Sunday, but let's not forget about the feelings that come in the middle. It's in these middle days where we wrestle with our own vulnerability, our denials and betrayals of Jesus, and the ways we've not loved as he's called us to love. I appreciated the stories in this week's devotional that helped to point some of these things out in a different way. It's not always an easy thing to read or hear, but no less important. May we seek to look at the world through Jesus' eyes, to love as Jesus loves, and to follow Jesus in all we say and do.

## Prayer for the sixth week in Lent:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at Your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with You and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship, PCUSA

**Scripture texts for this Sunday:** Psalm 118:19-29 and John 12:12-16 I hope you will take time to read and reflect on this week's texts prior to Sunday worship.

## Zoom link for Sunday worship:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805350569?pwd=ZWc2dVhnKzNVb2ZFS045Sjk1cSt EQT09

Grace + Peace + Love, Crystal

Rev. Crystal D. Varner Parker (she|her) **Pastor | Providence Forge Presbyterian Church Website:** <u>https://pfpc.org/</u> **Email:** <u>pastor@pfpc.org</u> **Office:** <u>804-966-2079</u>