**Hillside UMC Sermon Prep Sheet**

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**Date: Sunday, March 29, 2015 – *Palm/Passion Sunday***

***Easter Musical with Kids at 8:30 Service***

***Service of Praise and Worship at 10:45 Service***

**Sermon Title: How He Loves: Moved To Tears**

**Scripture: Luke 19:35-44 *(New International Version)***

35They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” 40“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” 41As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

**Call to Worship: (8:30 only) – None**

**Basic Theme: *During this Lenten season, we explore the theme 'How He Loves.' We know the culmination is Jesus' sacrificial death for our sins, the ultimate sign of His love for us. However, Jesus' life teaches us what love looks like in action.***

**Sermon Snapshot (Key Points): Jesus’ radical teaching and great compassion attracted all sorts of people: from the devout and holy to the sinful and ashamed. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, his followers shouted *“Hosannas!”* Just a few days later, the same people would shout *“Crucify Him!”* Jesus great love for all people moved him to tears as he knew those he came to save would reject his love.**

**So What? Have you accepted the unconditional and radical love of Jesus? Do you grasp the magnitude of his love for you? Oh how he loves!**