

THE SAINT PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
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# Welcome!

**PALM SUNDAY 2021**

*Today's Message: Unmute Yourself*  
**Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor**

**PRAYER:** Gracious God, you have given us a voice. You intend for us to be heard. Give us courage now never to be mute, but to be visible and vocal about the things that matter most. Today, we use our voices to give you praise. We cry alleluia to your name. While on others you are calling, do not pass us by. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**ICEBREAKER:** Have you ever been muted on a digital device and failed to realize it? What happened? How did you respond? Have you ever seen a movie that had no sound? Was it intentional or accidental?

**INTRODUCTION:** Too many people are living their lives on mute. We see these distinctions in Luke 19. Some were overjoyed and vocal at the arrival of Jesus and met him shouting praises. Others wanted to silence Jesus and his followers, seeing his arrival as a threat. Those are always the choices: silence or speaking. In light of God's goodness in your life, which will you do? Is it time for you to unmute yourself?

**SCRIPTURE:** Read Luke 19:37-40 (NKJV)

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. What stood out in today's message? Describe a time when you were forced to keep silent about something. How did it feel to stay silent? If you were able to tell it later, how did it feel to let it out?
2. Have you ever kept silent about relationship with Jesus Christ? About your faith in God? How does that happen? More importantly, why do you think it happens? At home? At work? Among colleagues? Around friends?
3. There are reasons we permit ourselves to remain silent and mute. Three of the most common are fear of others, distraction by things, or unmet expectations. Have either of those been reasons you remained silent at a critical moment or failed to testify to the goodness of God?
4. What made it impossible for Jesus' disciples to keep silent? What has the Lord done in your life that makes it impossible for you to remain on mute?

**CHALLENGE:** Is there a specific way this week that God is calling you to unmute yourself, break the silence and to begin to praise him this week?

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**SERVE:** Pray over Luke 19:37-40 this week. **Praise** God in advance for the ability and courage to unmute yourself. **Listen:** when you are quiet before God, it is amazing how clear things become. **Respond.** Write it down, live it out, give God praise!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [www.myspbc.org](http://www.myspbc.org). You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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## We Care!

**NOTICE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, ALL OF OUR CAMPUSES ARE PHYSICALLY CLOSED AT THIS TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

As a small group leader, we depend on **you** to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

### FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472  
EMAIL: [prayer@myspbc.org](mailto:prayer@myspbc.org).

### FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177  
EMAIL: [Barnabas@myspbc.org](mailto:Barnabas@myspbc.org)

### TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)  
EMAIL: [ecare@myspbc.org](mailto:ecare@myspbc.org).

### TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)  
EMAIL: [ecare@myspbc.org](mailto:ecare@myspbc.org).

### TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177  
EMAIL: [Barnabas@myspbc.org](mailto:Barnabas@myspbc.org).

### TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000  
EMAIL: [emergencyassistance@myspbc.org](mailto:emergencyassistance@myspbc.org).

### TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR/DIRECTOR:

CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory  
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- Imagination (0-10): Vernita Williams ([Vernita.Williams@myspbc.org](mailto:Vernita.Williams@myspbc.org))
- SMB (11-19): Martina Jones-Smith (SMB: [Martina.Jones-Smith@myspbc.org](mailto:Martina.Jones-Smith@myspbc.org))
- Dreamchasers (20-29): Curtis Ballard ([curtis.ballardjr@myspbc.org](mailto:curtis.ballardjr@myspbc.org))
- Aspire (30-39): Lance Watson, Jr. ([lance.watsonjr@myspbc.org](mailto:lance.watsonjr@myspbc.org))
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- Refiners (70+): Wallace Simms ([Wallace.Simms@myspbc.org](mailto:Wallace.Simms@myspbc.org))

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