The season of Lent provides a time to stop, reflect, give thanks, and practice different spiritual disciplines. This week, we continue our Lenten journey by finding ways to share God’s love with others through acts of giving. At first, please read Luke 19:28-40.

In this week’s Scripture, we hear how the disciples went to get a donkey for Jesus to ride. We also hear how they put their clothes on the back of the donkey, so presumably Jesus could ride comfortably. Along the way to Jerusalem, people laid out their clothes in front of the donkey, praising Christ as he road along. On Palm Sunday, we remember this moment and we shout, “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.” As we remember this day many years ago, we are also called to consider what might we have done on that day. Would we have laid out our clothes to greet the king? We also ask: “What does God require of us this day?”

This week’s Lenten discipline, giving, provides another practice that helps us respond to God’s love and grace.

One way we respond to God’s love for us is by giving back a small piece of what God has given us. It is important to remember that there are many ways to say thank you to God. Options include:

* Drawing God a picture.
* Writing God a letter
* Singing God a song.
* Giving clothing, food, money, or other items to help others.

Our gifts come in many different forms. God does not need us to give, but we choose to give a little piece of what we have to say thank you to God for all that our creator has given us.

For the rest of the week, please make reflections on the followings:

* *I wonder what gifts/blessings God has given me?*
* *I wonder how can I give/bless God and others?*
* *I wonder when I felt close to God this week?*
* *I wonder who showed me God’s love this week?*
* *I wonder how I showed God’s love to others?*

Learning 4:  we give to/bless others as a way to say thank you to God for all God has done for us.