

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, arr. Friedrich Zipp (1914-1997)
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, arr. Heinrich Fleischer (1912-2006)
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WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The Peace of Christ be with you.... **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior,
not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NCH 216 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

CHORAL INTROIT *Blessed Is the One Who Comes*, Tamara Makdad Albrecht

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*, Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872

SERMON *John 12:12-16*

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Gene McCaw, Verlene Mitchell, and Gayle Strickler.

We pray for comfort and peace for Jerry Robert's family and friends. Jerry died on February 5th.

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of transformation,
we are reminded this day that Jesus' ride into Jerusalem
was more than a show, more than a simple provocation,
more than the beginning of a cute celebration.

It was a signal that things are changing,
an unmistakably potent message to the powers that be
that the world as we know it is becoming the world as it should be.
It was a radical act of defiance directed against those in his day
who wielded power through violence, oppression, and tyranny.

It is no less radical, and no less tame, for those who do the same today.

This simple ride reminds us— and tells the whole world—
that you are indeed coming to make all things new.

You are coming to turn weapons of war into instruments of peace.

You are coming to release those who find themselves in all manners of bondage:
chains of injustice; chains of addiction; chains of conformity and apathy.

You are coming to provide for the poor: food for the hungry and shelter for the homeless.

You are coming to assure the dignity and equality of all who are marginalized or oppressed.

You are coming to end violence and divisions, to provide safe communities
and opportunities for education.

You are coming to offer healing and wholeness, comfort, consolation, and hope.

You are coming to transform all that we know. You are coming to save us.

But like humble Jesus riding into town on a lowly colt, you aren't coming in grandeur,
you aren't coming with thunder and lightning, you aren't making an epic entrance.

You're coming through the mystery of love incarnate,
through your church empowered by your Spirit,
through lives transformed and inspired,
through ordinary people like us,
blessed by you to do extraordinary things.

Come, gracious God into a world that longs for change, a world that needs your love, a world
full of your own children, a world ripe with hope and potential.

Blessed are those who come in your name, O God. We have come. We will go.

And now we pray—we pray for your coming kingdom emerging all around us,

In the Spirit of Christ saying...

LORD'S PRAYER (*Inclusive Version*)

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

NCH 213 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

BENEDICTION

We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.

We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed, and then it changed.

We have walked with another crowd.

One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross,

and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

Because God is with us. God will be with us.

Whatever happens. We are not alone.

And so we watch the crowd and we follow...

POSTLUDE *O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?* Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735)

ATTN: Please join us this week for a **Maundy Thursday Service** at 6pm in Friendship Hall.

We will gather around the tables and share scripture, song, and communion with one another.

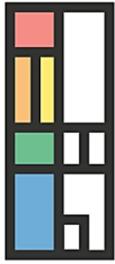
Worship Resources

Call to Worship ~ posted on Life in Liturgy, from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Pastoral Prayer ~ written by John W. Vest, and posted on John Vest. <http://johnvest.com/>

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Benediction ~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>



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Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022
To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm
Liturgist	Nancy E. Brown
Musicians	Treble Vocal Ensemble & Children
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright