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Palm Sunday



North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, March 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Fanfare*

Dietrich Buxtehude

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

***OPENING HYMN:** "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come! From the city streets.

PEOPLE: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Leader: Come! From your busy homes and places of business.

PEOPLE: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Leader: Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries.

PEOPLE: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

Leader: Let all join in joyful song.

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in God's name.
Amen**

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

God of all people,

You call on us today to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke.

Transform our lives and lead us to the peace and joy that is Easter!^{###} Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago. We are hungry for a hero. We crave some glimpse of greatness. We are starving for the spectacular. We are gathered here like those who watched the Passion Parade in Jerusalem, craning our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah. As we wait here for the Savior to come let us not be disappointed when the special one appears, even though we are certain to be surprised; and give us courage to follow where the one on the donkey might lead us.*** Amen. ~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 11:1-11

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When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: *The Holy City*

Gary Snowbeck, organ

Adapted and recorded by Jeff Hutchins

and members of the Chancel Choir Chancel Choir

Music by Stephen Adams

Text by Frederick Weatherly

arr. Cooper Cerulo

SERMON: "Paying Attention"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY:

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Toccata on *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

G. Snowbeck

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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The flowers this morning are given by Cathy Welch to the glory of God in Thanksgiving for
the lives celebrated in the March birthdays; son Dan, daughter Heidi and beloved husband Ken.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Heather Rowe-Purcell, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole
Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan
McKosky, Linda Shannon, Joyce Bellonio, and Betsy Gumbart.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mark Bessette 03/29, Charlotte Shea 03/31, Janelly Ane Santiago
03/31, Anthony Solecki 04/03, Sandy Carter 04/04, Tanner Dubail 04/04.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bernie & Elfie Hummel 03/28, Robbie & Bruno Juliano 03/29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies

With the arrival of spring and its early signs of emergence of flowers and shrubs, we remind you of the Easter Lily Special offerings that have been a part of our Easter tradition for many years. As most of you know, the lilies allow us to give a memorial to our family members and beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. They are customarily distributed to our shut-ins and ill members after the service, but we will not do that this year due to COVID precautions.



We will purchase some Lilies for Easter Sunday. We invite your contribution. The best way to make a contribution is online through the website. Please note to whom the Lilies are dedicated. If you send your contribution by regular mail, please email or call the Church Office with your dedication, so we know it is coming. Your support is appreciated.

Flowers for the Cross The cross will stand in front of the church through this Holy Week. You are invited to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross beginning Saturday at noon.

Items for Online Auction Fundraiser Thank you to those who have sent in photos of items you are donating for our church's on-line fundraising auction. We have received donations including antiques, bicycles, a piano, waterford, jewelry, a treadmill and more. If you have items to donate and have not been in touch with us yet, please contact us or send a photo. If you have already sent in your photo of items to be donated, thank you and please plan to drop off the items at church, Saturday May 1st - 9am to 11am. More news and information to follow. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Busy Bees** – Patience **Benassi**, Martin **Benassi**, Priscilla **Bradford** and Martha **Butterworth**

Podcast for Lent I want to share a project by Rev. Doug Clark, a retired UCC pastor and colleague of mine. This may be of interest to you during Lent. Are you concerned about the urgency of the climate crisis? Would you like to explore some faith-based resources for taking action? You're invited to join Jenna Van Donselaar, from Young Evangelicals for Climate Action, and Doug Clark, retired UCC pastor and environmental theologian, for a six-week podcast series around the theme of a "Fossil Fuel Free Lent." We'll be connecting the traditional Lenten practices of fasting and prayer with fasting from our use of fossil fuels and engaging in prayerful study of the creation narratives in the biblical book of Genesis. To listen to the podcast, search "Creation Care Conversations" wherever you get your podcasts, or: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4Q0C08CaI65Rib26bL8FWK?si=Xbf9UwVRTCuJXA2fpUq23g>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	3/28	9:30 a.m. 11:00 12:00 p.m. 4:00 5:00	WORSHIP (PALM SUNDAY) – (LiveStream) CHURCH SCHOOL:PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) CHURCH SCHOOL:Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) OASIS 5 th -7 th Grade GAME NIGHT(Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	3/29	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOLY WEEK: PRAYER SERVICE - (LiveStream)
Tuesday	3/30	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (Lawn) HOLY WEEK: PRAYER SERVICE - (LiveStream) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/31	9:30 a.m. 10:00 12:00 p.m. 1:30 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOLY WEEK: PRAYER SERVICE - (LiveStream) STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	4/1	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) HOLY WEEK: PRAYER SERVICE - (LiveStream) MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - (LiveStream)
Friday	4/2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 12:00 p.m. 3:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOLY WEEK: PRAYER SERVICE - (LiveStream) GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - (PreRecorded)
Saturday	4/3	8:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 10:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (Zoom) Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn) OASIS – Late Night (Zoom)
Sunday	4/4	6:00 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m. 5:00	EASTER Sunrise Service (Town Green) WORSHIP (EASTER SUNDAY) – (LiveStream) OASIS 5 th -7 th Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	4/5		OFFICE CLOSED

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

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MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

Refrain *Descant*

All glo - ry, laud and hon - our to you, Re-deem - er, King,

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Fine


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.


1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al son,
 2 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.


now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great auth - or of all good - ness, O good and grac - ious king.




1 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
3 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
4 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fierc - est strife is nigh;



The first system of the hymn consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with four numbered lines of text corresponding to the four parts of the hymn.



Thy hum-ble beast pur-sues his road With palms and scat-tered gar-ments strowed.
O Christ, thy tri-umphs now be-gin O'er cap - tive death and con-quer'd sin.
Look down with sad and won-dering eyes To see the ap-proach-ing sac - ri - fice.
Bow thy meek head to mor-tal pain, Then take, O Christ, thy power, and reign. A-men.



The second system of the hymn also consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody continues from the first system, with the treble staff carrying the main melody and the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with four lines of text corresponding to the four parts of the hymn.