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Palm Sunday



North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Palm Sunday
Sixth Sunday in Lent**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Air Majestueux*

Jean-Philippe Rameau

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (outside)

SERVICE OF THE PALMS:

Leader: We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

**People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

**People: (louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation. Yet, within a few short days, they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened, unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

**People: (softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: We, too, long to join the triumphal procession, only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future, reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

**People: (softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Yet this Palm Sunday, we receive palm branches, a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus as he traveled toward the cross.

**People: (louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we take our palm branches and greet Jesus, shouting:

**People: (very loud - repeat 3x) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest! ****

**Processional Order
(outside): choir, children, adults**

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.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

PEOPLE: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Leader: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

PEOPLE: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage our path of faith.

ALL: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!**

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

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O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let your peace fill our hearts, our homes, our world, our universe.

Amen.

Satish Kumar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Organ Amen

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Hosanna*

Michael W. Smith
Arr. Michael Barrett

Sung by the Chancel Choir & Children's Choir

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

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After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”
HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Organ Response

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 ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "At the Name of Jesus"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Toccata on *St. Theodulph*

G. Snowbeck

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Special thanks to our guest trumpet player this morning, Reginald Mayo III.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-719615.

Greeters today are Lori Murphy and Beth Anderson. **Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** Cathy Welch.

COFFEE HOUR is hosted by Elfie & Bernie Hummel, come to Carroll Hall after worship to enjoy the hospitality and delicious sweets.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert and Treffle Robert, prayers for the family of Winifred Miller, and prayers for the family of Ralph Franco, Sr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Donald Adams II 04/15, Betsy Gumbart 04/17, Carla Hill 04/17.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rich & Sandy Mayhew 04/11, Ann & Herb Schneider 04/12, Drew & Heather Mastracchio 04/15, Martin & Patience Benassi 04/16.

Announcements

Women's Fellowship is excited to announce our first gathering to be held on Monday April 11th 6:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall. It's been a long 2 years since our group has been together! It will be great to be together again and reconnect with everyone! There will be an activity for those who choose to participate! For those that choose not to, that's ok too! More time to chat!! Refreshments will be served! Hope to see you there!



NHCC Re-Opening Celebration hosted by the Women's and Men's Fellowship!

Please sign up at church to attend a Pancake+ Breakfast after our church service on Sunday, April 24th. Sign up on our website: Northhavenucc.org

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 will once again be distributed to our shut-ins and ill members after the service. If you would like to help with delivery please call the church office.



We invite your contribution by mail or online giving from the website. Please make sure to include your dedication. Your support is appreciated.

Special Music at Easter

We are particularly excited this year in anticipation of hearing the Chancel Choir sing on Palm Sunday and Easter in person! The Children's Choir will join with the Chancel Choir on Palm Sunday, and trumpeter Reginald Mayo III will play on both Sundays! We invite your contribution toward this special music and to support the improvements in sound equipment which enable Jeff Hutchins to provide the highest quality of sound for our livestream service. **You may make your contribution by mail or online giving through the website. We appreciate your support.**

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/10	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS Hike Huddle at Spring Glen Church
Monday	4/11	6:30 6:45	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CH) GFWC (K)
Tuesday	4/12	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (CH) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) PLP (K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	4/13	10:00 a.m. 5:30 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) MLB (CH)
Thursday	4/14	6:30 p.m. 7:00	Mothers of Twins (CH) MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Friday	4/15	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE (In-Person & Live Stream) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	4/16		
Sunday	4/17	6:00 a.m. 9:30	EASTER SUNDAY- Worship on the Green NHCC WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

A (F#m E) A D E A

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the hap - py chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

A (F#m E) A D Esus4 E A

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang;
 the vic - tory palm - branch wav - ing, and sing - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; earth, let your an - thems ring.

A D E A D E

to Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and hea - ven rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

A (F#m E) A D Esus4 E A

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 con - tent that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his hum - ble pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Unison

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 ♦ 3 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 4 In your hearts en - throne him, there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 ♦ but with awe and won - der, and with ba - ted breath;
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'tis our God's great plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,
 ♦ he is God the Sav - iour, he is Christ the Lord,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 ♦ ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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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.



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