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United Church of Christ

**Palm Sunday**



North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday in Lent  
Palm Sunday

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** C Minor *Mosso*

C. Grassi  
arr. Carlo Rossini

**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**

\*OPENING HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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Refrain

Descant

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

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

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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**

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*

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**P513**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

**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*)

Choral 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

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

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The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens, awakens 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 in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\* **HYMN:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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**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.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *On Humble Beast Now Rides the King*

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Music by Hal Hopson

Carol Amico & Carol Mitchell, soloists

Text by Carlton Buck

**SERMON:** “The Other Parade”

Scott Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Choral 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. 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:** *Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Carol Amico.

**Greeters** are Beth Anderson, Cheryl Bogert.

**Fellowship Hour** is will be in Carroll Hall after worship.

**Palms** decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Palm Sunday.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Ellie Harple, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Elaine Burr 03/25, Herbert Schneider 03/25, Sheree Alexander 03/27, Mark Bessette 03/29, Charlotte Shea 03/31, Janelly Anne Santiago 03/31.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Peter & Cheryl Hall 3/27, Bernie & Elfie Hummel 03/28, Robbie & Bruno Juliano 03/29.

**Quote of the Week:**

For Palm Sunday Sister Agnes wanted to bring a lovely bouquet of anemones. However, the sanctuary was already decorated with palm branches. The pastor said, "With fronds like these, who needs anemones?" *UPJOKE*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Mission Team Spotlight is Covenant to Care**

Kathy Harple is the liaison to Covenant for Care to Children.

<https://covenanttocare.org>

Covenant to Care for Children is an organization with a program that matches churches with a DCF social worker to provide items to children who are in foster care or difficult family situations. We have signed a covenant for this commitment. Kathy coordinates with the assigned social worker to provide gifts for the children in the social worker's cases. At Christmas time, Kathy, along with support from Womens Fellowship, sets up an "Angel Tree". Tags are added to the branches that provide the first name of a child, their age along with a Christmas gifts the child would want. Church members pick a tag and purchases and wraps a gift for that child and returns it to the church. Kathy coordinates with the social worker a date/time for the social worker to pick up the gifts for distribution to each child. The same idea is done for Easter Baskets, with our church members creating an Easter basket for children in need. We also supply backpacks with school supplies at the start of each school year for the children and coordinate with the social worker. Thank you to all our church members for your donations, time and creativity involved with providing these gifts for the children.

## **Special Music Collection: Easter**

A sincere thanks to those who give toward these “supplemental” church music-related causes using the pink Music Ministry collection envelopes or by giving online securely at the church’s website.

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

## **Opportunities In Lent And Holy Week**

**Mon-Fri, Mar 25 – Mar 29: Prayer in Holy Week;**

In-Person & Online 12 Noon

**Thurs., March 28th: Maundy Thursday Service with Tenebrae;**

In-Person & Online 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm 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 starting Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm.

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Easter Sunrise Service;**

In-Person, Town Green, 6:00a.m.

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Easter Sunday Service;**

In-Person and Online Worship 9:30a.m.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP - PALM SUNDAY (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/25</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 6:30	<b>NOON PRAYER (S)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN New Haven Camera Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> NOON PRAYER (S) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/27</b>	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN NOON PRAYER (S)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/28</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>NOON PRAYER (S)</b> Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m.	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> NOON PRAYER (S)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DECORATE CROSS</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Svc – Town Green</b> <b>WORSHIP - EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/1</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>EASTER MONDAY-Office Closed</b> Retired Federal Employees (CH)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

\* HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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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,

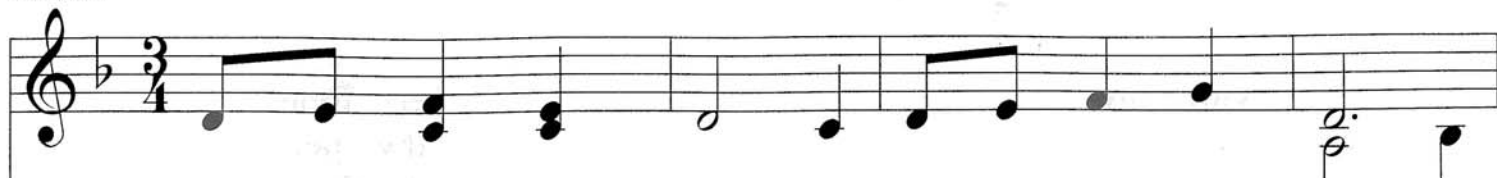
A (F#m E) A D Esus4 E A

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!

\*CLOSING HYMN: "At the Name of Jesus"

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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.



## **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.

## **Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor  
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children  
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music  
Heather Meachen, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Dave Nelson, Sexton

