

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

April 10, 2022 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday

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PRELUDE *Grave and Adagio* from Sonata no. 2 – Felix Mendelssohn Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: On this day of palms and celebration, Jesus continues his journey with God.

**People: We will go with him, for a while, until he turns towards Calvary.**

Leader: From the top of Mount Olive, Jesus prepares to travel through the valley of heartache and loss.

**People: We will follow Jesus, for a while, cradling hope in our hearts.**

Leader: In the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

**People: We will shout Jesus' name, for a while, until we cry out, "Crucify him!"**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**With great joy we come to honor the one who marched triumphantly into Jerusalem. The journey has been lengthy, and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 192 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

A TIME TO WONDER *There's a Plan for That* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

ANTHEM *Christ Be My Leader* – Irish Melody/arr. Henry V. Gerike Chancel Choir,  
Susan Wilkes, flute & Michelle Harrington, soloist

Christ be my leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, For He is the Way. Gladly I follow, My future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the Truth. Grant me to trust Him; Though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; In Jesus I stand. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the Life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain can touch my salvation: With Jesus I reign.

PASTORAL PRAYER  
OUR PRAYER CONCERNS  
SILENT MEDITATION

Rev. Barbara Papagian

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 195 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

OUR MORNING OFFERING  
OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 46)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, our Lord. He emptied himself that we might be filled. He humbled himself that we might be lifted up. We pray that these gifts be used to proclaim the gospel which fills lives that are empty and lifts up those who need help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE STORY OF PALM SUNDAY  
Luke 19:28-40

Selma Naccach-Hoff

SERMON *If Stones Could Shout* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 191 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: Now we will set aside our palm branches,

**People: to go and serve at God's side in a broken and fearful world.**

Leader: Now we will pick up our cloaks and follow Jesus wherever he leads,

**People: to learn from those the world ignores, to be touched by the grace within them.**

Leader: Now we will sing songs of wonder,

**People: as we work alongside the Spirit, sustaining the weary with peace and hope.**

Leader: Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Allegro con brio* from Sonata no. 4 – Felix Mendelssohn

The call to worship is from *Lectionary Liturgies*, Lent 6C, © Thom M. Shuman.

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 19:28-40**

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.”

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