

## First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...  
The Love of God...  
The Power to Love Others...  
The Ability to Love Ourselves.

## The Worship of God

April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday

### Gathering

**"BOLD" indicates congregational response**

Please let us know if you are watching live by commenting on Facebook.

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| Welcome   |   | Rev. Elizabeth Horton |
| Scripture   | Psalm 118   | Emma West             |
| Musical Selection   | "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"<br>(arr. Lani Smith) | Robert Wilson         |
| Call to Worship   |   | Emma West             |
| <p>Give thanks! God's love is constant. Let us say over and over: God's hope is unfailing,<br/> <b>through health care workers and researchers, through teachers and truckers working around the clock.</b><br/> Give thanks, God's love brings justice. God hears the cries of those who are forgotten:<br/> <b>those who sleep rough in emptied streets, those who are most vulnerable around us,</b><br/> <b>those who have no family to care for them.</b><br/> Give thanks, O give thanks, people of God!<br/> <b>God comes to bring us new life.</b><br/> Our hearts cry, "Hosanna," as we meet Jesus in worship today.<br/> <b>"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."</b></p> |   |                       |
| Opening Prayer  |   | Rev. Horton           |

### Centering

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| Scripture   | Matthew 21: 1-11        |             |
| Hymn  | "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" | (last page) |
| Blessing of the Palms   |                         |             |
| Special Music   | "The Lord of the Dance" | Emma West   |
| <p><i>I danced in the morning when the world was begun,<br/> And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,<br/> And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.</i></p> <p><i>Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,<br/> And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he</i></p> <p><i>I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,<br/> But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.<br/> I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with me and the Dance went on.</i></p> <p><i>I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;<br/> The holy people said it was a shame.<br/> They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a cross to die.</i></p> <p><i>I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black<br/> It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.<br/> They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance, and I still go on.</i></p> <p><i>They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;<br/> I'll live in you if you'll live in me - I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.</i></p> |                         |             |

Sermon

**Proclaiming**  
"The Journey with Jesus"

Rev. Horton

A Time for Offering

**Responding**

Benediction

**Sending**

Postlude

"Ride On in Triumph, O King"  
arr. Henry Balcombe

Robert Wilson

Join our "**Fellowship and Prayer Concerns**" **Zoom Chat** on Sundays after worship from 12-12:30pm and catch up with your church friends! Follow this Link: **After Worship Zoom Chat** (If you are using a smart phone, please download the **Zoom app** prior.)

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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**APRIL 6-11, 2020**

**7:30pm each night on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/firstreformeducc/>

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:** Vespers

**Maundy Thursday:** Holy Communion  
Please prepare a beverage and bread of your choosing as we gather together virtually at the Lord's Table.

**Good Friday:** Service of Tenebrae

**Holy Saturday:** Service of Waiting

**Sunday:** Easter Celebration  
at 11:00am

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**Tuesday, April 7 & Thursday, April 9**

Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook Live

**~APRIL~**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Caroline Hooper
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mary Berrier
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mike Brown
- 8<sup>th</sup> John Potts
- 9<sup>th</sup> Eulene Shepherd
- 11<sup>th</sup> Clifton Murphy

- 10<sup>th</sup> Jeremy & Ellen Peterson

**OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

**OUR MEMBERS:**

\*Kelly Greathouse, Sherry Bonner, Susan Miller, Bill Walser

**AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:**

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

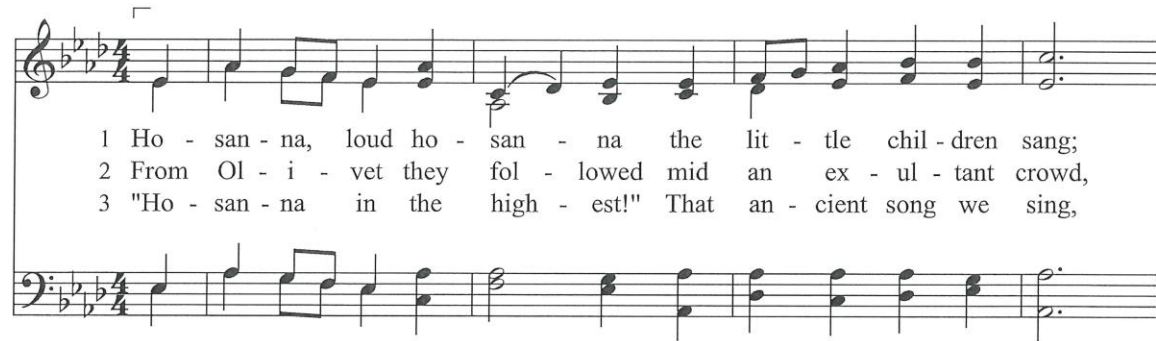
Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

**OUR FRIENDS:**

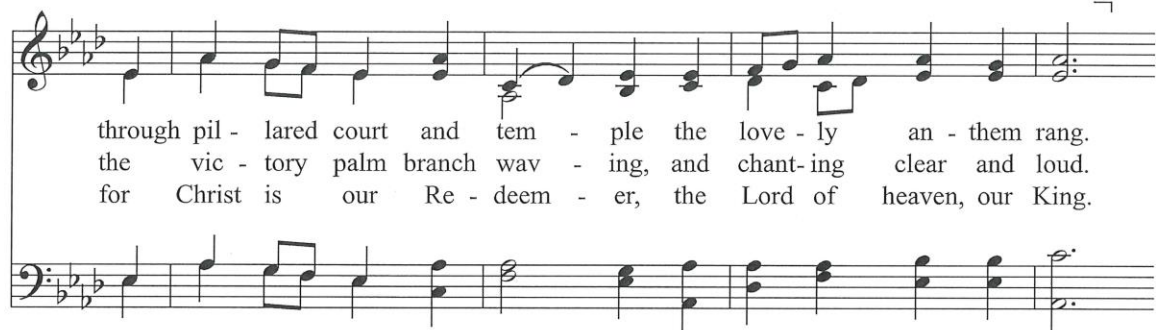
\*Julie Hackworth (John Maze's niece), Suzanne Fritts Stevens (Lisa Nelson's cousin), Frances Garner (Kathleen Danze's neighbor), Renee Sink (sister-in law of Lindsay Sink and Sherry Bonner), Farel Hunt (Carolyn Yocum's brother), The Family of Rev. Bill Sosebee, Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates' brother-in law), Debra Peterson (mother of Renee Walsh), Amy Burkhart-Smith Dave & Glenyce Fulton's neighbor), Becky Poetzinger (Susie Smith's mother)

*\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews or call the church office (336-248-2617).*

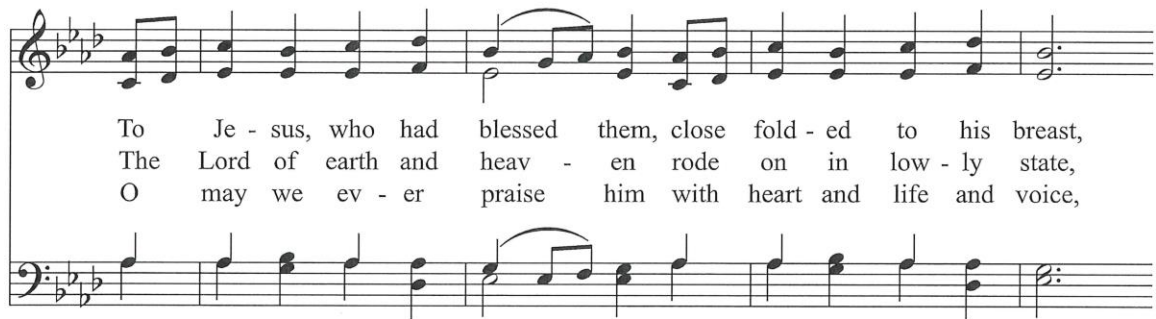
# Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



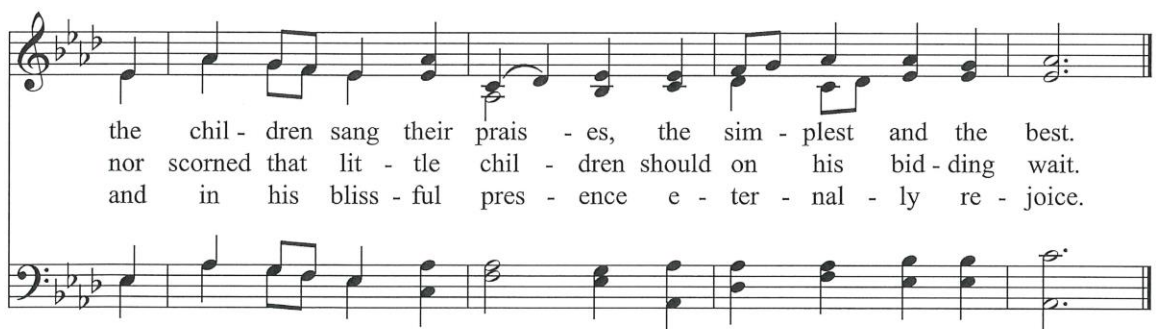
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.



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



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jennette Threlfall, 1873  
Tune: *Gesangbuch*, Wittenberg, 1784



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