

First Reformed United Church of Christ
*Where People Discover...
 The Love of God...
 The Power to Love Others...
 The Ability to Love Ourselves*

April 10, 2022
The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

"Palm Sunday Processional"
arr. Phil Lehenbauer

Christopher Kiser

***Chiming of the Hour**

Opening Sentence

Anthem

"A Joyful Hosanna"

Jon Paige & Brian Buda

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King. Hosanna, hosanna, the hills and valleys ring.
 Lift your head, ye ancient doors, see the coming of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, the palms are lifted high. Hosanna, hosanna, the King is passing by.
 See the long awaited One. He is royal David's Son.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.*

*Blessed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
 This is the One who comes with glory crowned.*

*Blessed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
 The streets ring out with joyful sound!*

*Hosanna, hosanna, rejoice this day of days. Hosanna, hosanna, our voices now we raise.
 Prepare the way with joyful song; shout to God with voices strong.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, praise to the King!*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Marge Doty

Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes.

Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

May the rivers of justice run.

Children singing, families dancing,

The elders give a shout!

Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

Even the stones cry out!

Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

May our refrain never cease.

Not by power nor by might,

But the way that makes for peace.

Procession with Palms

***Hymn**

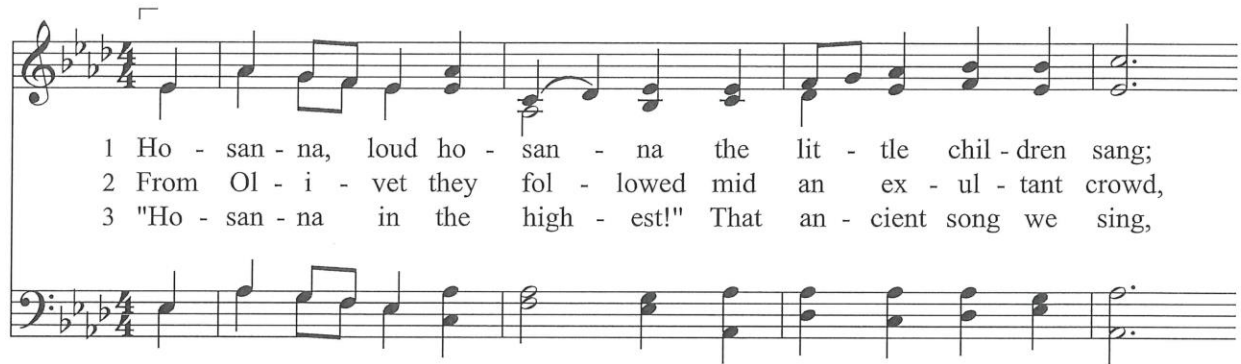
"Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna"

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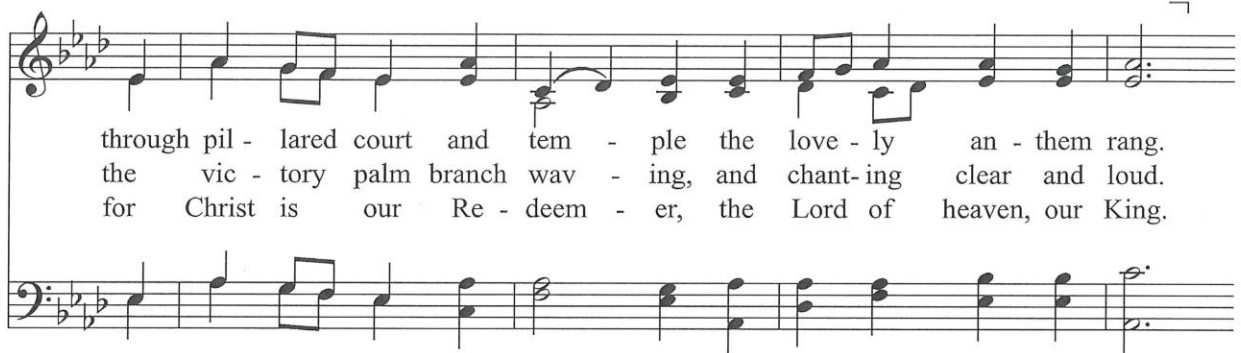
***Invocation**

Marge Doty

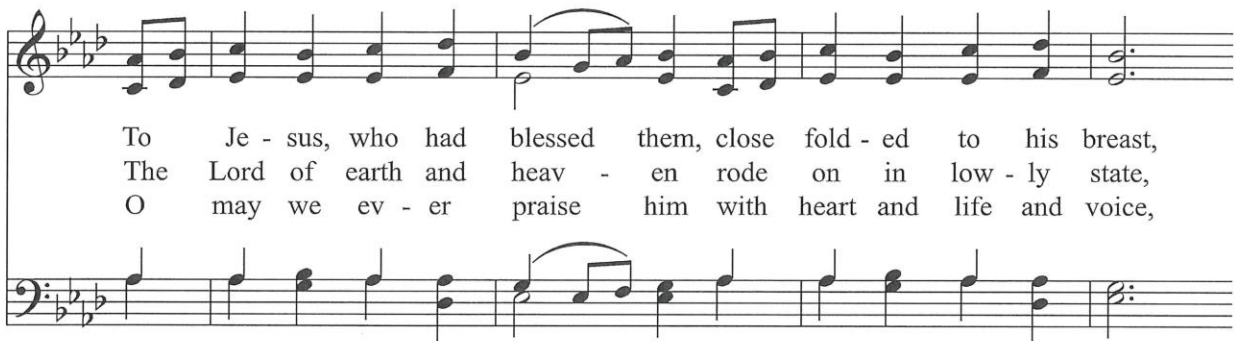
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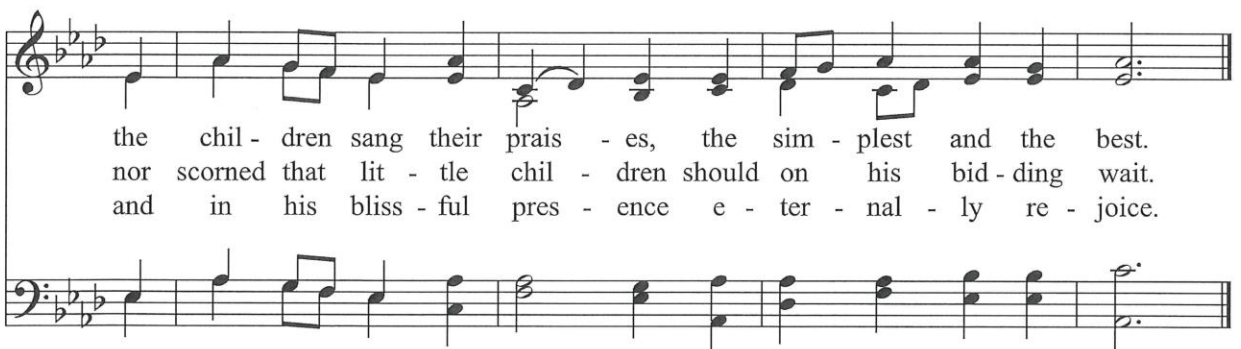
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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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www.hymnary.org/text/hosanna_loud_hosanna_the_little_children

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there, a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'"

Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Young Disciples and Children's Church

Rev. Evan Sieges & Cathy Browder

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Horton

Creator, Lover of Life, Giver of all that is Good,

We have forsaken our calling and abandoned your love. We have paid lip service to life while serving the powers of death. Violence parades through the streets of our world. We see it in our schools, our sanctuaries, our soil. We find violence on the borders of nations and neighborhoods. In our politics. In our religion. In our relationships. Violence has invaded the habits of our hearts.

Creation groans, the stones shout out.

Forgive us for being unprepared disciples. The Church has remained silent. Forgive us we pray. Have mercy upon us, and help us change.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Horton

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.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19: 41-48
Common English Bible

Rev. Horton

As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. The time will come when your enemies will build fortifications around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides. They will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They won't leave one stone on top of another within you, because you didn't recognize the time of your gracious visit from God."

When Jesus entered the temple, he threw out those who were selling things there. He said to them, "It's written, *My house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hideout for crooks.*"

Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, the legal experts, and the foremost leaders among the people were seeking to kill him. However, they couldn't find a way to do it because all the people were enthralled with what they heard.

Sermon

"Here You Are: The Church that Cries Out"

*Hymn

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

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All Glory, Laud and Honor

Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. John 12:13

THEODULPH OF ORLEANS

MELCHIOR TESCHNER

1. All glo - ry, laud and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring:
And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply:
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise:

Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went:
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es - Ac - cept the praise we bring,

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One!
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King! A - men.

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Christ Jesus ... being in the form of God ... was made in the likeness of men — Philippians 2:5-7 KJV

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown, When Thou
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -
 3. The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest In the
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should
 5. When the heav - ens shall ring, and the an - gels sing, At Thy

cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home
 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But of low - ly birth
 shade of the for - est tree; But Thy couch was the sod,
 set Thy peo - ple free; But with mock - ing scorn,
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home,

was there found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty.
 didst Thou come to earth, And in great hu - i - ty.
 O Thou Son of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee.
 and with crown of thorn, They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry.
 say - ing "Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee."

1-4. O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, There is room in my heart for Thee.
 5. My heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus, When Thou com - est and call - est for me.

WORDS: Emily E. S. Elliott, 1836-1897

MUSIC: Timothy R. Matthews, 1826-1910

MARGARET
Irregular

Call to Serve and to Give

Prayer of Dedication

Marge Doty

*Benediction

Rev. Horton

*Congregational Response in Song

Tune: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me.
The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back.

Postlude

"Ride on, King Jesus"
arr. Gina Sprugner

Christopher Kiser

~ Please remain seated until after the Postlude and the ushers direct you to exit. ~
After the service, you are invited to join in the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary.

HOLY WEEK APRIL 10-16

Remember to bring flowers or potted plants to leave at the foot of the Resurrection Cross. You may bring them any time during Stations of Holy Week or on Easter Sunday. The Cross will be located on the chancel in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10: PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

6:00PM

All are invited to join youth and children and families
In the Fellowship Hall for "PALM SUNDAES"

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: MAUNDY THURSDAY

4-7:00PM

Stations of Holy Week in the Sanctuary

7:00PM

Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae

FRIDAY, APRIL 15: GOOD FRIDAY

4-7:00PM

Stations of Holy Week in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: HOLY SATURDAY

10:00AM-12:00PM

Stations of Holy Week in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: EASTER SUNDAY

10:00AM

Children and youth gather outside, in front of the sanctuary for some Easter Fun

10:30AM

WORSHIP

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Easter Egg Hunt and Social...Meet outside at the front of the sanctuary

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never, before attended one, you are welcome here.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

*Vogen Everhart (recent fall), *Earl Parker (recent surgery), * Jeff Hutchens, Thomas Phillips, Bonita Hooper, Lee Bouchard, Myrtle Latimer

MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Gerri Hill, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, John Potts & Janette Neal, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS:

Janice Mullineaux (Cathy Browder's mother), Charm & Steve Ketner, Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Marc Frye (friend of the congregation)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: Marge Doty

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH: Kivi & Ava Miller

ACOLYTE: Emma Hartle

USHERS: John McCarn, Doris Sink, John Smith, Ted Smith

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cathy Browder

SOUND TECH: James Gray

BIBLE STEWARD: Jacob Hartle

CELEBRATIONS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

11th...Clifton Murphy

12th...Kyle Winters

15th...Chris Fulton

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

10th...Jeremy & Ellen Peterson

13th...Lee & Ellen Bouchard

14th...Brian McKerlie & Mike Price

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Samuel & Kasey Gray on the birth of their second daughter, Stone Samara Gray. She was born last Sunday, April 3rd at 5:45am at Novant Thomasville Medical Center. Her sister is Sloan. Proud grandparents are John & Vicky Gray. Both mother & baby are doing well.

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PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. The Lexington Chapter of PFLAG is offering three \$2000 scholarships to seniors in the Davidson County School Systems, including Lexington and Thomasville City. Applications are available at all of the high schools. Information about each scholarship continues to be available in our weekly emails. **The deadline for applications is April 22.**

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED BY NAMI

Beginning in **April, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM**, Joe and Cathy Browder will co-facilitate a Family Support Group via Zoom. This is a meeting where people can talk to each other about experiences with a loved one who has a mental health diagnosis. Please contact Cathy at **namidavidsoncounty1@gmail.com** if you have any questions or would like to join the current meetings.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER PARTNERS

Intercessory Prayer is a powerful ministry. Like a prayer chain, this begins by calling one of our ministers, the church office, or Patti Lovell with your prayer request. It will then be shared immediately with volunteers who have **made a commitment to offer intercessory prayer immediately when they receive the message.** Communication will be either text or phone call. If you would like be on the list as an **Intercessory Prayer Partner, please call or text Patti Lovell at (336) 309-9302.** We'd like to have the list completed by Easter Sunday.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM



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Parent//Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 10: PALM / PASSION SUNDAY...BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

- 9:30AM Adult Bible Study: Stations of Holy Week
10:30AM Worship Service (in person and via YouTube)
10:45AM Children's Worship: Rev. Sieges & Cathy Browder (Theater Room)

Following Worship:

Intercessory Prayer Circle
Consistory

- 6:00PM Youth Group: Rev. Sieges & Jeremy Lovell (Youth Room)

MONDAY, APRIL 11:

- 5:30PM Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
7:00PM Ministry Development Committee Meeting (Parlor)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12:

- 12:00PM Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race via Zoom
7:00PM Book Study "The Book of Joy" (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13:

- 6:00PM Supper in the Parlor
6:30-7:30PM Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30PM Choir
Children's Fun & Activities: Jeremy Lovell & 1 Volunteer Needed
Youth Study: Rev Sieges & Dave Fulton

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 4-7:00PM STATIONS OF HOLY WEEK (SANCTUARY) *Remember to bring flowers for the cross!*
4-6:00PM Clothing Ministry Workday
7:00PM Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY APRIL 15:

- 4-7:00PM STATIONS OF HOLY WEEK (SANCTUARY) *Remember to bring flowers for the cross!*

SATURDAY, APRIL 16:

- 10AM-12PM STATIONS OF HOLY WEEK (SANCTUARY) *Remember to bring flowers for the cross!*
12-1:30PM Lunch Ministry (Kitchen)

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday... Remember to bring flowers for the cross!

- 10:30AM Worship Service (in person and via YouTube)
10:45AM Children's Worship: Rev. Sieges & Jeremy Lovell (Theater Room)

Following Worship:

Intercessory Prayer Circle

- 6:00PM Youth Group: Rev. Sieges & Volunteer Needed (Youth Room)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

SUNDAY, May 1:

FOLLOWING WORSHIP: RECEPTION TO HONOR PAULA LOPP & CAROLYN ROBBINS (Fellowship Hall)