

# Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, March 24th, 2024, 10:00am  
Palm/Passion Sunday

Order of Worship

PRELUDE “Antiphonal Hosanna” G. Alan Smith Sung by the choir

GREETING

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, and who was, and who is to come!

**People: Behold the coming of the One from heaven for all to see and receive!**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Announcements are made for upcoming OCC events.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is by our side. We shall not fear.

**People: We shall look in triumph on that day.**

Leader: Open to us the gates of the Lord.

**People: Let us enter through it.**

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing.

**People: It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord!

**People: O Lord, we pray, give us success.**

Leader: The light of the Lord is shining upon us.

**People: Bind up the festal branches!**

\*HYMN No. 178

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

A TIME FOR MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

*Following the music time, the children go out to find the colt.*

THE PALM PARADE *from Mark 11:1-10*

Leader: Jesus approached Jerusalem near the Mount of Olives.

**People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: The disciples went into the village up ahead of them.

**People: Blessed is the coming of our ancestor David!**

Leader: They found a colt tied near a door and bystanders said:

**People: What are you doing untying the colt?**

Leader: They told them what Jesus had said:

**People: The Lord has need of it.**

Leader: They threw cloaks on it and Jesus sat on the colt.

**People: Blessed is the One coming in God's name.**

Leader: Many put their cloaks on the road and began shouting.

**People: Hosanna! Save us!**

Leader: They spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields:

**People: Hosanna! Save us!**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

HYMN No. 179

***Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!***

*The Children bring in the colt and hand out the palms to all.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit*

**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 and ever. Amen.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Words: 3<sup>rd</sup> Century; Music: 1851

**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.**

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11 "Jesus Humbled and Exalted"

ANTHEM **“Sing to the Lord Hosanna”** Patrick Liebergen  
(music based on a Jewish hymn)

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:11 “Being Late, Jesus Went out to Bethany”

SERMON “A Prayerful Passage”

HYMN No. 198

*Jesus, Remember Me*

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

**People: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: Let us praise the Lord with our gifts!

**People: We bring our offerings up to the altar!**

OFFERTORY **“Pie Jesu”** (Faithful Jesus) Gabriel Faurè Monica Yohn

\*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: 1674; Music: 1551

**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

Leader: Bless our gifts, O Lord, and bless our work.

**People: We dedicate ourselves to faith, love and service.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

*We rejoice in the mission to share our faith and grow the church of Christ!*

Leader: Heaven has a home right here.

**People: The friendless have a friend in us.**

Leader: The loveless may find love with us.

**People: The stranger is no longer lost.**

Leader: For with angels we sing the song of life.

**People: This song we gladly sing in all our days!**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 192

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION & GRACE

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*No. 280

**Create in me a Clean Heart**

\*POSTLUDE “All Glory, Laud and Honor” G.F. Kaufmann



***Welcome to the OCC!***

*Thank you for being with us today!*

*We wish you a most blessed Palm Sunday.*

***Please join us for Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall!***

## **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**Lynnete Beaudro**, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

**Peg Mercier**, for prayers of peace and health.

**Mary Williams**, for healing and recovery.

**Brian Donlan**, for healing and recovery.

**Betty Tobin**, for her well-being.

**Pearl and Gerry Gottberg**, for continued healing and recovery.

**Mari Georgio** for healing and recovery.

**Pastor Ken** for his recent diagnosis and treatment plan

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Bob Boissy**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Alison Wade, Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Heather Castelo, Pam Jennette, Kim Kelly  
and Richard Randlov**

## **PANCAKES TO FEED THE WORLD...PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY. Thank you to all of the volunteers who dedicated their time, energy and cooking skills to make this annual event possible and so very special to the OCC!



All are welcome. Come join us for worship this Holy Week.

***Maundy Thursday, March 28***

A special service of music and communion and reading of the Passion Story will be in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm.

***Good Friday, March 29***

A prayer walk with the cross around the building at Noon.

***Easter Sunday, March 31***

Sunrise Service is at 6:00am, please gather in Fellowship Hall for juice before we step outside.

Easter Worship at 10:00am in the Sanctuary with song and brass.

Bring family, guests, and friends!

May you have a blessed Holy Week, and Easter Holiday!



Welcome to the OCC!

We are an Open and Affirming congregation affiliated with the United Church of Christ.



Our faith is rooted in God's love and grows into the mission and service in Christ's compassion to all people regardless of physical or mental ability, race, age, culture, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

You can find more information about us on our website and our ONA Board in Fellowship Hall.

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