

**Welcome to Church of Christ**  
**April 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday**

*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Prelude**      *Hosanna!* - J. Threlfall

*Please wave palms and join in singing the refrain:*

*"Hosanna, Hosanna! Let all God's children sing. Hosanna, loud Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!"*

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 118)      ~Tina Olsen

Leader:      O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!

**People:      Let God's people proclaim with joy, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader:      Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

**People:      This is the gate of the Lord; those who love God enter through it.**

Leader:      I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People:      This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Hymn 267**      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*      *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Sarah Allyn & Noah Sinclair, trumpet

Vs 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang: to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Vs 2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

Vs 3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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.

**Scripture**      Luke 19:29-44

~Tina Olsen

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. Now as he was 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." As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

**Sermon** "Peace in Heaven, and..."

*What are the things that make for peace - in us and through us?*

**Hymn 257** *What Wondrous Love Is This* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,  
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Vs 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking  
down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for  
my soul for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

Vs 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God  
and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Vs 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll  
sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll  
sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

**Light of Service** *Pinney Stables Sanctuary* ~Ashley Rose

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

**Offertory**     *God So Loved the World* - J. Stainer

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: 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**

**Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates**

**Sharing Prayer Concerns**

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 273**     *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*                     *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

Vs 2 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away.

Vs 3 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. These are the news we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you.

Vs 4 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

**Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**     *The Prayer of St. Gregory* - A. Hovhaness     ~Sarah Allyn, trumpet  
Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We hold in prayer these concerns** and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, [reverendole@gmail.com](mailto:reverendole@gmail.com)).

Members needing our prayers: Patty Cammilletti; Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse; Peter Coffeen; Linda Creedon; Bonnie Greenwood; Holly Kelsey; Will Kelsey; Arlene Patten; Dan Patten; Cindy Sinclair; John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends: Annattie P.; Eric; Jo; Kelly; Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte); Jay Atkinson; Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend); Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father); Nancy Foster; John Funchion; Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle); Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son); Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin); Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother); Bethany Lee; Lynne Martin (Ruth Adotte); Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte); Jackie Nocotera; Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family; Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott; Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams); Ryan Sterba; Rob Thew; Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister); Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock); Judi Welch; Gretchen Wierdsma

Those who are grieving the families of: Donna Aakjar; Robert Battis; Bonnie Ferrell; Stephen Getz; George Green; Judy Green; Jackie Hamad; John Marinelli; Don Martin; Will Martin; Will Minton; Avery Nelson; Mary Sager

In the wider community: Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey); Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela); The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence; the people of Syria, particularly the Christian community.