

Welcome to Church of Christ
March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Prelude *Allegretto* - T. Albinoni, ed. S. Wolff ~Meg Hill, violin

Call to Worship ~Jake Green

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; **All:**

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord our God has given us light.

All: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

All: O give thanks, for God is good, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

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

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.

Anthem *A Hosanna for Our Time* - K. Marroli ~Meg Hill, violin

When the world cries for power will our souls cry for peace? Does the kingdom we're seeking comfort with refuge and release? Does the realm of our longing reign with riches or welcome with grace? What kingdom shall we choose? Hosanna, sing hosanna! Behold the King of Peace, riding lowly among us, conquering the reign of fear! Hosanna, sing hosanna! Behold the king of Love! Now the light of justice shatters the bow and spear! Will our souls cry for healing while the world cries for war? Does the kingdom we're seeking rule with a peace that shall endure? Does the realm of our longing boast of power or soothe with love?

What kingdom shall we choose? Will we choose to rage with strength and strife? Will we choose to heal with words of life? Will we bow to riches and might? Will we reach for the crown of light? Let the stones cry out in songs of praise as we turn from earthly power to walk in humbler ways! Hosanna, sing hosanna!

Scripture John 12:12-28

~Jake Green

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!" Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

Sermon "A Different Kind of Glory"

Light of Service *Immigrant Defense Project*

~Nels White

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 *Andante* - T. Albinoni, ed. S. Wolff

~Meg Hill, violin

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 268 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Vs 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Vs 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The host of angels in the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Vs 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Vs 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

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 Anthem *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* - arr. T. Marchand Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

We gladly list these prayer 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).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Hope Childs, Linda Creedon, Bill Eckert, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

**Ongoing concerns for our relatives
and friends:**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim, Susannah, Katie B., Chris, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Deryl, D'Ari, Amaya, Linden Godshall (Liz Allyn), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Matthew and Allan Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Wendy DeRoode (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Chris Williams (friend of Bethany Lee), Keegan Zygmunt

Those who are grieving, the families of:

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, Jimmy Dietlin, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, and all enduring ongoing violence, the people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, Immigrant Defense Project.