



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service**

*Believing that every person is a child of God invested with worth and dignity,
and believing that every person is a recipient of God's grace,
we at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Ledge,
aspire to mirror God's unconditional love by declaring that we are
an Open and Affirming congregation.*

Taken from Our Church's Open and Affirming Statement

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Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text, and an asterisk (*) indicates to please stand, as you are able. As you enter the sanctuary, please share your offering in the offering plate by the door. We ask that you wear a mask and social distance from others not in your family or pod. Our hymns are not announced, but are printed in the bulletin, so feel free to locate them ahead of time. Helpful worship notes and information on the church can be found in the brochure by the hymnals. Guests and visitors – a special welcome! Please fill out a “Welcome” card (in the pew pocket) and put it in the offering plate so we may send you a small gift.*

MOMENT FOR CENTERING

GREETING

One: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS/CHIMES

Grand Ringers

INTROIT

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
(Chancel choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: Blessed is the one who comes.

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: May the rivers of justice run.

One: Children singing, families dancing,

Many: The elders give a shout!

One: Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

Many: Even the stones cry out!

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

Many: May our refrain never cease.

One: Not by power nor by might,

Many: But the way that makes for peace.

*OPENING HYMN #216

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

GATHERING PRAYER

One: Please join me in the Gathering Prayer.

Many: Hosanna to the Holy One.

Hosanna! Shouts of praise!

Come, we cry. Lord Jesus, come!

We gather in Your Name.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”
(Chancel Choir)

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

SUNG BLESSING #325

“Child of Blessing”

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Live as one who bears Christ’s name.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29 NRSV (554-555)

One: Please join me in this responsive psalm:
O give thanks to our God, for They are good; Their steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,
Many: “Their steadfast love endures forever.”
One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.
Many: This is the gate of God; the righteous shall enter through it.
One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
Many: This is God’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
One: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Many: Save us, we beseech you, O God! O God, we beseech you, give us success!
One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Many: We bless you from the house of God.
One: The Lord is God, and They have given us light.
Many: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.
Many: O give thanks to God, for They are good, for Their steadfast love endures forever.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40 NRSV (957)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

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. As he was now 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."

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Here, I am Lord"

**Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

HOMILY

"Prepare Ye!"
(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"The Palms"
(Chuck Byam)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.]

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kin-dom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kin-dom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING MOMENT

(For those of us meeting in person, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping at home, please give what you can by mail or through prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart (hartacre3@aol.com)

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

**Many: May these gifts be used to bring healing, wholeness, and joy to the world
God so dearly loves. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #213

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung twice)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

Grand Ringers

POSTLUDE

“Jesus”
(Chuck Byam)

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Greeter – Kathy Burt

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.*

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

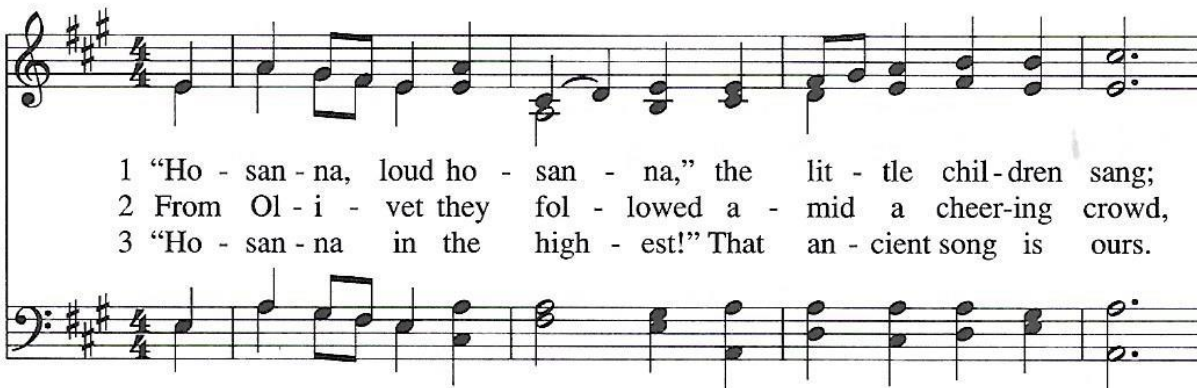
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(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
Melchior Teschner, 1615
For another setting, see 217*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

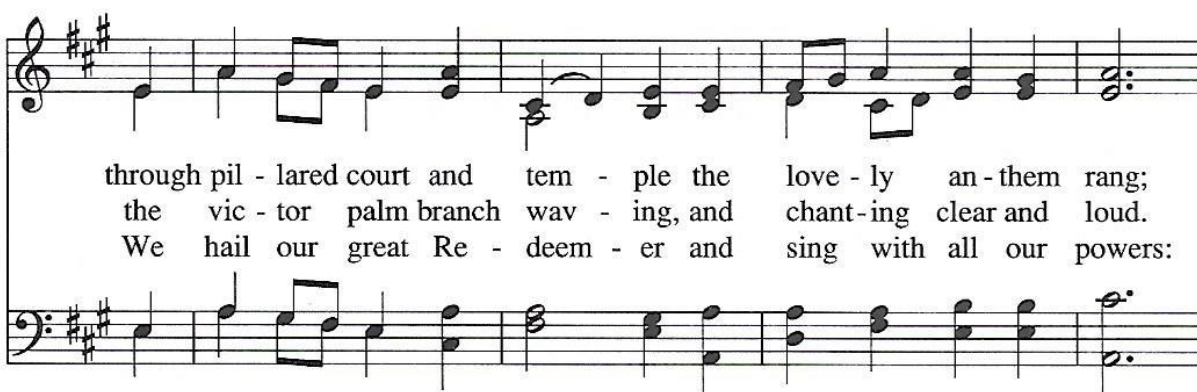
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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

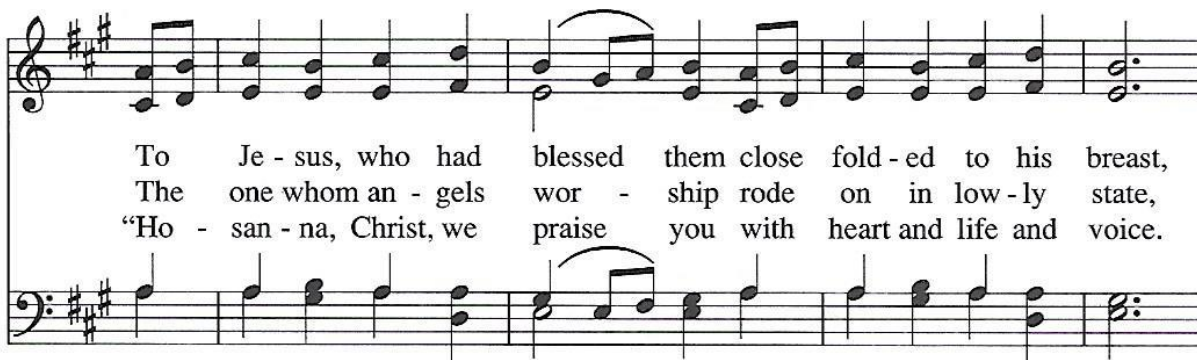
Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15



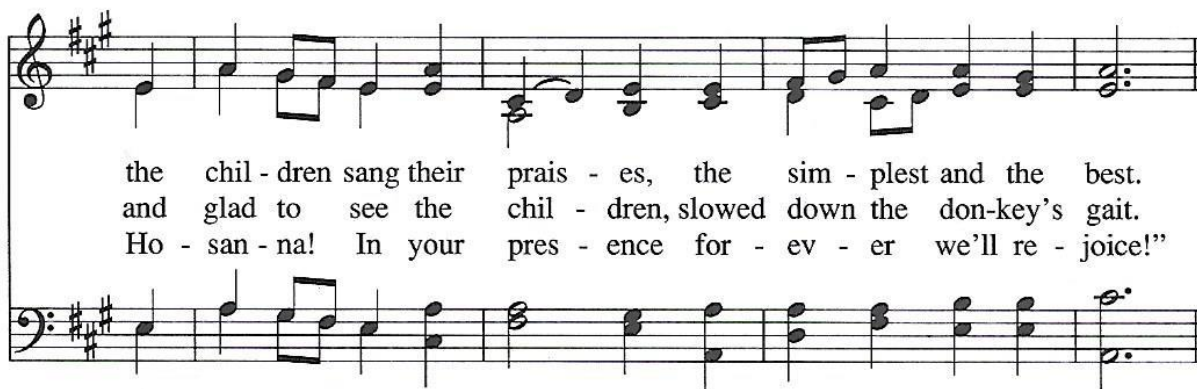
1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer-ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don-key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"