



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

10:00 am



AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moriah Park

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN & PALM PARADE**

'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'

No. 192

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,

ALL: riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.

Leader: Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!

Leader: Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

ALL: Hosanna, come and save us!

OPENING PRAYER¹

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹

ALL: God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way and we confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE¹

*SUNG RESPONSE

'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing' (vs 1&2)

No. 5

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

Dani Kardisco

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

No. 91

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-13

⁵ "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. ⁶ But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you. ⁷ "When you pray, don't pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they'll be heard. ⁸ Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. ⁹ Pray like this:

*Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.
¹⁰ Bring in your kingdom
so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.
¹¹ Give us the bread we need for today.
¹² Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.
¹³ And don't lead us into temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.*

John 12:12-16

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted,

"Hosanna!
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the king of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ *Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.
Look! Your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt.*

¹⁶ His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Alex Green

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

Come and Light a Candle...



PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

OFFERTORY	'Hosanna'	(Courtney/Watts)
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	'The Old Rugged Cross' (vs 1&2)	No. 548
PRAYER OF DEDICATION ¹		
HYMN	'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'	No. 195
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	'Processional in C minor'	(Canales)

Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Alex Green, Music Director
Susannah Thornton, Soloist
Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹Abbot, Rev. Dr. Chad. "Palm/Passion Sunday B – March 24." *United Church of Christ, Worship Ways*, UCC, 8 Feb. 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/palm-passion-sunday-b-march-24/.

Descant

3. Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Ho - san - na!

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

Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Our ho - san - nas raise!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

You heard their prais - es now hear us as we pray.

You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da - vid's great - er son;
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 As you re - ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans c. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861;
 desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994

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Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Rule in our hearts to - day.

you ride in low - ly tri - umph, Mes - si - ah, bless - ed one!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 Since you de - light in good - ness, rule in our hearts to - day.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
3. My lov-ing Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
4. Glo-ry to God and praise and love be ev-er, ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 3. O sin - ners, who can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

1. fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2. fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 3. fall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
 4. fall, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
 5. fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

1. crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al
 2. crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you
 3. crown him Lord of all; go spread your tro - phies
 4. crown him Lord of all; to him all maj - es -
 5. crown him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -

1. di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 2. by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 3. at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 4. ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 5. last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1792

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The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - fer - ing and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fer - ed and died,
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bennard, 1913

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
Irr. w. refrain

Refrain
 So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 195

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

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Alt. tune: ROCKINGHAM