

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5th, 2020
Palm Sunday

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (silent congregational preparation for worship)

PRELUDE Les Rameaux

J. F. Faure

INTROIT Hosanna! Hosanna!

Jimmy Owens

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Lighting the Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of joyous welcome.

Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

We welcome Christ with waving branches.

We wait with Christ through hours of agony.

Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Jesus rides into the tumult of our times.

People still oppose the way of love.

Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.

Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Open to us the gates of righteousness.

Let us enter in the light God offers.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Be gracious to us, O God, in our moments of grief and fear. Be with us as we rejoice in the day you have made. Our times are in your hands, both when we mourn and when we celebrate. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the possibilities in every day. O God. Let your face shine on your servants. Amen.

*HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honor. #204

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we have blamed you when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mob scene. We heap our doubts on you even though our inaction adds power to those who shout, "Crucify." We rebel against the risks of discipleship. Why raise our voices against the evil we see? One voice simply becomes one more victim. O God, we protest, but we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice and help us to stand with Christ in a

world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you, O God. We want to be faithful. Why does it cost so much? Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not forsake us. In times of terror and suffering we are not alone. In Christ, we are strengthened as we watch and pray. We receive courage to love in the face of ridicule and to act for truth amid the oppressive forces of deceit. Love is the heart of creation, bringing us to new beginnings, to resurrection life in all its fullness.

*GLORIA PATRI #805

CHORAL ANTHEM Hosanna to the Son of David

Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S CHAT Lenten banner

*HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #203

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p.554); Phillipians 2:56-11 (p. 1069) & Matthew

21:1-11 (p.898)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed #14

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY The Holy City

S. Adams

*DOXOLOGY #809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

May these offerings bring life-changing good news, both to those who give and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church. May they help to restore relationships of trust among us and outpourings of generosity that echo your steadfast love around the world. May your saints be raised to new life that cuts through the deceptions of society to bring your new order among us, O God, of all times and places. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Ride On, Ride On in Majesty. #205

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Lift high the branches that honor Jesus Christ.

Lift high the cross that proclaims love's sacrifice.

We will wave our greeting with joyous praise.

We will risk the commitment that led to a cross.

We are under oath before the living God.

May we have no reason to weep when the cock crows.

The promises we have made excite and challenge us.

We seek to be loyal and courageous in Christ's service.

God keeps covenant with us in all circumstances.

The cup of blessing is extended to us every day.

May our flesh be strengthened to match our willing spirits.

May love prevail in all our dealings this week. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION God Be With You**

POSTLUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***All those who are able, please stand.**

ORGANIST Nancy Dufek

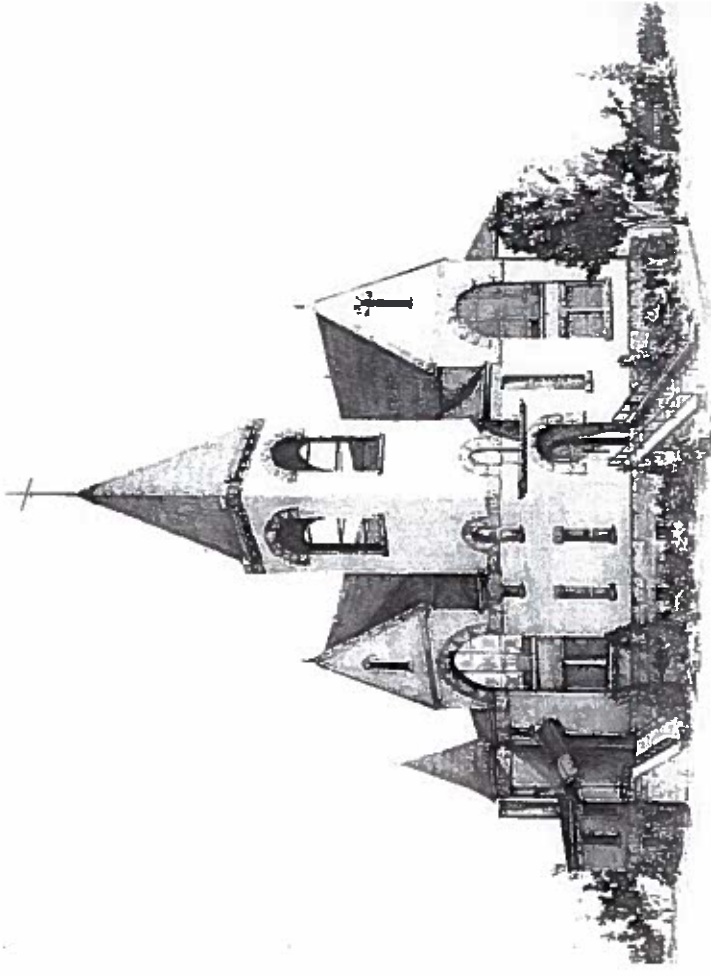
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BIRTHDAYS

April 5 Desmond Thomas Edwards & Hannah Deiters
April 7 Sheila Urling
April 9 Grant Kolwitz
April 11 Connie Cogger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to keep the congregation informed of events and activities of interest to the church family, please submit announcements for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. The submittal deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to info@upccchurch.org.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 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. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Phillipians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 21:1-11

p.898

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to

you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”