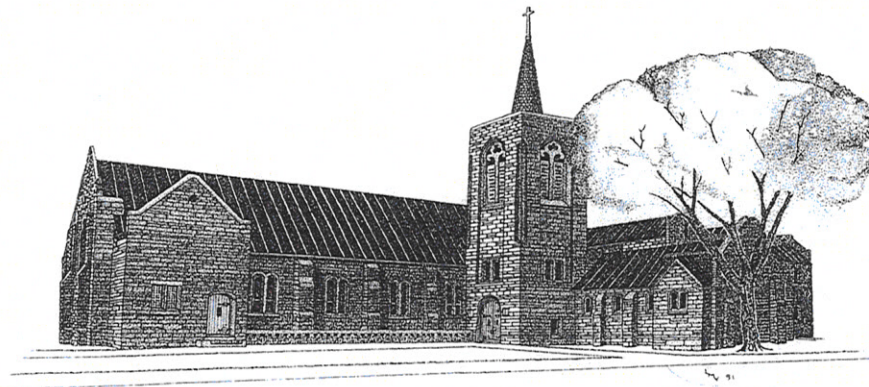


FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Palm / Passion Sunday
April 10, 2022

*We welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

"Legalism has killed more faith than doubt ever has." ~*Andrena Sawyer*
"It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by
deceit." ~*Noël Coward, Blithe Spirit*

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(\* ) indicates when those who are able will stand.  
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Prelude

CENTERING SONG – LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, fam-'ly all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev-'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER

*OPENING HYMN: #216 – ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR ALL VERSES

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

All: Blessed is the one who comes.

Leader: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

All: May the rivers of justice run.

Leader: Children singing, families dancing,

All: The elders give a shout!

Leader: Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

All: Even the stones cry out!

Leader: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

All: May our refrain never cease.

Leader: Not by power nor by might,

All: But the way that makes for peace.

***Opening Prayer**

All: Hosanna to the Holy One.

Hosanna! Shouts of praise!

Come, we cry. Lord Jesus, come!

We gather in Your Name.

***PALM SUNDAY SONG OF PRAISE: HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA**

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours.

We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:

"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 19:28-40

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN: #215 – RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY ALL VERSES**

SERMON: IS JESUS ENOUGH?

REV. ROBERT CASE

CONFESSION

MINISTER: CONSUMMATE CREATOR, LOVER OF LIFE, GIVER OF ALL THAT IS GOOD,
WE HAVE FORSAKEN OUR CALLING AND ABANDONED YOUR LOVE.
WE HAVE PAID LIP SERVICE TO LIFE WHILE SERVING THE POWERS OF DEATH.
VIOLENCE PARADES THROUGH THE STREETS OF OUR WORLD.
IT NORMALIZES OPPRESSION AND DISAVOWS TRUTH,
WITHOUT REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE.
WE SEE IT IN OUR SCHOOLS, OUR SANCTUARIES, OUR SOIL.
WE FIND IT ON THE BORDERS OF OUR NATIONS AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
IN OUR POLITICS.
IN OUR POCKETS.
IN OUR RELIGION.
IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

**ALL: VIOLENCE HAS INVADDED THE HABITS OF OUR HEARTS.
THE TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION HAS COME UPON US
AND FOUND US UNPREPARED.
CREATION GROANS, THE STONES SHOUT OUT.
THE CHURCH HAS REMAINED SILENT.
FORGIVE US WE PRAY.
REVIVE OUR COMMUNITIES.
RESTORE OUR HOSANNAS.
REKINDLE OUR FLAME FOR JUSTICE.
THAT AGAIN WE MAY JOIN WITH CREATION AND PROCLAIM,
"BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD."**

ASSURANCE

MINISTER: HEAR AND RECEIVE THE GOOD NEWS.
GOD HAS NOT ABANDONED US TO THE VIOLENCE OF THIS WORLD.
THE POWER OF LIFE THAT BROUGHT CREATION INTO BEING IS WITH US.
THE PRINCE OF PEACE HAS COME, WITH GRACE, MERCY, AND FORGIVENESS.
BLESSED BE THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
ALL: HOSANNA! GLORY BE TO GOD. AMEN.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN: #82 – GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING ALL VERSES**

***BENEDICTION**

All: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

***UNISON RESPONSE: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.**

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Postlude



OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Bill Dempsey**

Altar Guild: **Sandy Jarmuzewski**

Counter: **Ashley Wedge**

Fellowship Hosts: **Jim & Patty McNeil, Gary & Sandy Jarmuzewski, Sid Hausding**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	April 10	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Monday	April 11	5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday	April 12	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesday	April 13	1:15 p.m.	Mysticism Class
Thursday	April 14	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	April 15	12:00 noon	Prayer and Meditation in Chapel

Announcements:

- ❖ Please remember to sign the care letter for Patty and Jim McNeil and to keep their family in your prayers.
- ❖ Altar flowers for this Palm Sunday service are donated by Nancy Wedge with best wishes to everyone for a blessed Easter.
- ❖ This week's Lenten Challenge – No complaining.
- ❖ Reminders:
 - If you're interested in joining the prayer group, please contact the office or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
 - Please call or email the church office if you know of someone who would appreciate a care letter.

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary.  
A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

1. All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!
The peo-ple of the He-breus with palms a-dorned your way;
our praise and prayer and an-thems we of-fer you this day.
2. O Prom-ised One of Is-rael, of Da-vid's roy-al line,
the one called "God's be-lov-ed," of flesh and yet di-vine,
To you, be- fore your pas-sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high ex-alt-ed, our mel-o-dy we raise.
3. As you re-ceived their prais-es, re-ceive our prayers to-day,
whose jus-tice and whose mer-cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.
All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

Matt. 21:8-9

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

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Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
O Christ, with brave hu-mil-i-ty,
On low-ly colt, your road pur-sue,
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
As crowds of peo-ple come to see
And shout ho-san-nas, lift-ing high
their praise for one a-bout to die.
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
Ride on in hum-ble dig-ni-ty;
Be-hold the ones you came to save
from sense-less life and end-less grave.
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
For you have set your peo-ple free
And we, re-mem-bering all your pain,
now meet a-gain to hail your reign.

Luke 19:36–38; Zech. 9:9

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing,
nev-er a-lone;
Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you,
you are my own;
In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er
I have made you mine for-ev-er,
Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing,
you are my own.
2. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished,
clos-er to me;
Grow in love and love by serv-ing,
joy-ful and free.
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you,
here with ten-der com-fort stilled you;
Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished,
joy-ful and free.

*For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1
and 2 above.*

In this un-ion I have joined you
hus-band and wife,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er
as heirs of life:
Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,
each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er
as heirs of life.