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UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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***Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power***

"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!' "
- John 12:13



Palm Sunday, April 10th, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Pastor

• Rev. John King

***Director of
Music***

• David Debick

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• Joy Garapic

***Office
Manager***

• Anne Melfo

Ministers – All of Our Members

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming ALL of God's children.

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,
or partnered,*

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your social or economic circumstances,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

We welcome one another to this place,

Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!



- *Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30am - 12:30pm

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Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!

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To say that Jesus is “the sacrifice for our sin” was to “deny the temple’s claim to have a monopoly on forgiveness and access to God. The temple franchise had been circumvented.

- Robin R. Meyers, ***Saving Jesus from the Church***, p. 70

Meditation Music

Bearing the Light of Peace / Bearing the Light of Christ

The Liturgy of the Palms

Please Stand as you are able and face the Narthex (back of church)

* Introduction & Welcome

* First Gospel Reading (read by Pastor John)

John 12:12-15 (The Voice Translation)

The huge crowd that had arrived for the Feast heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem. They broke off palm branches and went out to meet him. And they cheered:

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in God’s name! Yes! The King of Israel!”

Jesus got a young donkey and rode it, just as the Scripture has it:

“No fear, Daughter Zion: See how your king comes, riding a donkey’s colt.”

* Blessing of the Palms

* Processional Hymn *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming* Cooney

Congregational Refrain:



Time with Young Worshippers



1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

2. O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
the one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

3. As you received their praises, received our prayers today,
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

(Music: Melchior Teschner, 1615; words: Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century; transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.)

Philippians 2:5-11 (The Inclusive Bible Translation)

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Christ, though in the image of God, didn't deem equality with God something to be clung to— but instead became completely empty and took on the image of oppressed humankind: born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus was thus humbled— obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!
Because of this, God highly exalted Christ and gave to Jesus the name above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God: Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

Anthem:

Hosanna in the Streets

Choplin

Becky Anderson and Erin Tomlinson, flute;
Bob Chandler and Craig Ramsey, percussion

Gospel Reading (*See supplement*)

Sermon by Pastor John King

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
through eternity I'll sing on!

(Music: Appendix to Wm. Walker's *Southern Harmony*, c. 1834; words: 19th century, United States, alt..)

The Church at Prayer

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The Family of Fred Pesek, Allison Colbert, Phyllis Hassler, Lenore Harris, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, George Snider, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)

Joys & Concerns of the Congregation

Our Lord's Prayer [UNISON]

...Our Father-Mother, 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 debts as we forgive 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.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Hymn:**

**We now are in the time of Lent,
To learn again what Jesus meant.
His life and message are so great,
We send these gifts to celebrate. Amen.**

*Call to Offering

*Prayer of Dedication: [UNISON]

Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair, may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife and justice-seeking that creates all good hope. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

#193, v. 1, 2 & 4

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers 'round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

(Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849; words: John Bowring, 1825)

Hear Our Prayer, O God

#769



† Benediction (Pastor John)

Postlude

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Dykes

*"Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see
And shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for one about to die."*
(Music: John B. Dykes, 1862; words: Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993)

Announcements

LENTEN STUDY – This Tuesday (4/12), will be the last session of our Lenten study of Marcus Borg's book, ***The Heart of Christianity***. We will meet from 6:45 – 8:15pm, either in-person or online, and will cover chapters ????

BUCC NURSERY – After a long closure due to the COVID pandemic, Council has approved the reopening and staffing of the nursery. Before the Staff Congregation Relations Ministry fills the Church Nursery Attendant position with a permanent employee, we would like to assess the need. We are looking for several adult volunteers who would be willing to staff the nursery one to two Sundays over a two-month period. We ask that the volunteers arrive 10-15 minutes before the service, and if there are no children in the nursery by 10:10 am, they are free to leave the nursery. Please contact Evie Novak of the SCR Ministry or the church office if you are willing to help out. Also, please let us know if you or someone you know may be interested in the permanent position.

HOLY GROUNDS – I will be at the Brecksville Panera for coffee at 8:15 most Tuesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to stop by. There's no need for an RSVP or agenda, so you never know who might show up. Of course, if you are looking for a more traditional meeting in my office, you can always set that up too. But if you're just looking for casual conversation, stop by at Panera any Tuesday for a visit and some "holy grounds." – Pastor John

Special Thanks:

April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

Head Usher: Jon Thompson

Ushers: Jane Cribbs
Diane Gressley

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs

Greeter: Sue Stenzel

Counters: Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz

Acolyte: *Volunteer Needed*

Peace Candle: *Volunteer Needed*

A/V Team: Fred Pedersen

Palms: Dorie Gabor
Janet Renovetz

Snack: Julie Bernard
Diane Gressley

Set Up/Serve: Evie Novak
Sherrill Witt

Clean Up: Sherrill Witt
Volunteer Needed

April 14, 2022 – Maundy Thursday

Lay Reader: Cliff Cribbs

Setup Crew: Allison Colbert

Pat Rehm Vincent Kaval
Betsey Wilson Sue Maier
Carol Miller

Servers: Janet Renovetz

Sherrill Witt Evelyn Seager

Cleanup Crew: Allison Colbert

Vincent Kaval Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz Dave Debick
Gayle Jackson

April 17, 2022 – Easter

Head Usher: Diane Gressley

Ushers: Sue Stenzel
Jon Thompson

Lay Reader: David Ritchey

Greeter: Evelyn Seager

Counters: Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz

Acolyte: *Volunteer Needed*

Peace Candle: *Volunteer Needed*

A/V Team: Tim Wallis

Flowers: Janet Renovetz
Sue Stenzel

Snack: Lois Lorenzo
Volunteer Needed

Set Up/Serve: *Volunteer Needed*
Volunteer Needed

Clean Up: *Volunteer Needed*
Volunteer Needed