

Brecksville United Church of Christ



April 2nd, 2023 - Palm Sunday

Artwork by Elizabeth Gadus

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:

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

Palm Sunday – April 2nd, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward

*"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

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

* First Gospel Reading

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

* Palm Procession

Sing It! Hosanna!

Mangan

Refrain



Sing it! Ho - san - na! Sing it! Ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our King! _



Sing it! Ho - san - na! Sing it! Ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na, Je - sus is our King.

Time With Young Worshippers



*** Song of Praise:**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



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 to the Son of David

Pote

Betsey Wilson, flute; Dave Shackle, trumpet; Craig Ramsey, percussion

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son, to the Son, the Son of David.

Hosanna, hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Crowds of children join in singing, hear the loud hosannas ringing,
to the King of Glory bringing songs of praise.*

He is here, the true Messiah, Israel, rejoice! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna to the Son, hosanna to the Son, hosanna to the Son, to the son, the Son of David.

Hosanna to the Son, hosanna to the Son. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Mighty ruler, our defender, coming not in royal splendor,
humble King to you we render songs of praise!*

He is here, the true Messiah, Israel, rejoice! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(Words and Music: Allen Pote, words based on Matthew 21:9; © 2018 Hope Publishing Company)

Gospel Reading (See *supplement*)

Sermon by Pastor John King

The Church at Prayer

Suzanne Patrick, Russ King, Caroline Chandler, Dorie Gabor, Joanne Frable (Sue Stenzel's sister), Jim Brownlow (Betsey Wilson's brother), Evelyn Seager, George Snider, Mac Hoppel, Dassie Matsuoka, Kathy Smith, Jon Thompson, Phyllis Hassler, Rose Kaval, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Betty Kaul, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, 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.)

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

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

*** The Invitation**

Offertory Anthem

Make Way

Nagy

*Hosanna to the living Lord! Come lay your palms before Him!
Hosanna to the incarnate Word! "Make Way" for God's Messiah!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, let earth, let heaven hosanna sing!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, hosanna in the highest!*

*Hosanna, Lord! Thine angels cry, Come lay your palms before Him!
Hosanna, Lord! Thy saints reply, "Make Way" for Jesus Christ!
Above, beneath us, and around, the dead and living swell the sound.
Above, beneath us, and around, hosanna in the highest!*

*Lay your palms before Him! Lay your palms before Him!
O Savior, with protecting care; Come lay your palms before Him!
Abide in this thy house of prayer. "Make Way" for God's Messiah!
Where we Thy parting promise claim, assembled in Thy sacred Name,
Where we Thy parting promise claim, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Most Holy Spirit, come and dwell; Come lay your palms before Him!
In hearts You've cleansed, Immanuel, "Make Way" for Jesus Christ.
And may our inmost person be a temple purified by Thee.
And hear us as we cry to Thee, Hosanna in the highest!*

Hosanna, Lord! O Savior, King! Come lay your palms before Him!

(Music: Russell Nagy, BMI; words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, and Joel Nagy, BMI;
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* **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.

* **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** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

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Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

* **Circle of Community** *Hear Our Prayer, O God*



* **Benediction**

Postlude

March

C. P. E. Bach



Announcements:

LENTEN PROJECT – There's still time to contribute to our kids' Lenten fundraiser for 2023. The kids are selling their handmade items during coffee hour, at the table closest to the stage. All of the proceeds will go to the Cleveland Foodbank.

MAUNDY THURSDAY & TENEBRAE - Please join us in Fellowship Hall, for the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper at **6:30 pm on Thursday, April 6th**. It will be followed by a service at 7:00 pm. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a loaf of bread to share. Also, there will be a special Tenebrae service in the sanctuary on **Friday, April 7th at 7:30 pm**.

FREE CONCERT! On **Sunday April 16 at 4:00 PM**, Brecksville United Church of Christ will host the Oberlin Jazz Quartet, from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The ensemble members include: Max Kassoy, saxophone; Kamran Curlin, bass; Lyric Anderson, piano; and Martin Kent, drums. They will perform works by many jazz greats, including John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Wayne Shorter, and Joe Henderson. A free-will offering will be received and a light reception will follow the program. Plan on joining us in the sanctuary for a jammin' jazz session on April 16! For further info, call 440-526-4364.

SAVE THE DATE - Let's Go Bowling! The Membership ministry is planning a bowling outing on **Sunday April 30, from 1-3 pm**, at North Woods Lanes in Macedonia (10435 Valley View Road). The price is \$14.00 per person, which includes bowling for 2 hours, shoe rental, 2 pieces of pizza and beverages (soft drinks and water). See David Pastor to sign up – you can obtain his contact info by calling or emailing the church office.

NEW SIGNAGE – The Facilities ministry has concluded that signage is necessary at the church's parking lot entrance. The lettering will match the signage over the front doors, and the cost of each letter is \$75. Your contribution in any amount will be greatly appreciated! Be sure to designate your contributions "Rear Signage".



FOOD DONATIONS - Please note the basket outside the church office accepts nonperishable food items any time. We have several church members who take the items to local food banks, once it is filled. Feel free to contribute at any time!

Attendance on Sunday, March 26th, 2023 – Adults: 100; Kids: 9; Live Stream: 9; Total: 118

Special Thanks:



April 2, 2023

Head Usher: Diane Gressley
Ushers: Evelyn Seager
Carole Snider
Lay Reader: Jill Zedan
Greeter: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz
Acolyte: ***Volunteer Needed***
Peace Candle: ***Volunteer Needed***
A/V Team: David Pastor
Flowers: Janet Renovetz
Snack: Lois Lorenzo
Jon Thompson
Set Up/Serve: Pat Rolfe
Volunteer Needed
Clean Up: Betsey Wilson
Volunteer Needed
Snow Herder: ***Volunteer Needed***



April 9, 2023

Head Usher: ***Volunteer Needed***
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Greeter: ***Volunteer Needed***
Counters: Marge Culver
Janet Renovetz
Acolyte: ***Volunteer Needed***
Peace Candle: ***Volunteer Needed***
A/V Team: Jim Duffy
Flowers: Janet Renovetz
Snack: Shelley Novotney
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