



**March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday
Into Jerusalem
First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

✠ Invites worshipers to stand in spirit or body as they are able.

NCH - Indicates the New Century Hymnal.

Welcome and Greetings

One: Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches. Jesus is coming, Hosanna!

All: **No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!**

Prelude

Maestoso

H. Schroeder

Gospel Declaration: Luke 19:28-40

Introit

Fanfare for Palm Sunday

K. Davis

✠**Procession:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

NCH 216

Prayer of Confession:

One: Together we confess:

All: **O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.**

Kyrie

Russian Orthodox Tradition

Assurance of Grace:

One: Our scriptures and our traditions teach us that when we confess our sins, God is gracious and merciful.

All: **The love of God for us is shown in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠**Passing the Peace**

The Response: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

All: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may

enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: **This is the gate of the LORD, the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

All: **O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

All: **The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

All: **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Bell Anthem *Fantasy on Kingsfold* arr. Wagner

Sharing with Children Rev. Susan Huffman

Anthem *Hosanna! The King Comes Today!* E. Lund

Pastoral Reflection: *Into Jerusalem* Rev. Ted Huffman

Bell Anthem *Palm Sunday Prelude* arr. Helman

Prayers of the Community

Community Concerns

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (We use "debts" and "debtors.")

Prayer Response *God is Working His Purpose Out* M. Shaw

Offerings:

Invitation

Offertory *Lento* H. Schroeder

‡**Doxology** **NCH 780**

Prayer of Dedication

‡**Hymn:** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* **NCH 215**

‡**Benediction**

‡ **Benediction Response:** *Benediction*

H. Simeone

Postlude

Vivace

H. Schroeder

Worshippers are invited to be seated for the postlude.

‡ Invites worshippers to stand in spirit or body as they are able.

HOLY WEEK 2016

Each step of our Holy Week journey carries special meaning. Our week of liturgy is designed for worshippers to participate in one, several, or all of our special services according to the individual needs of each person.

Palm Sunday - today. Following our Liturgy of the Palms, we will carpool from church, departing at **11:45am** to join the Palm Parade from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to Trinity Eco Prayer Park.

The Liturgy of the Passion - March 21, 7:00pm. Hear the description of the last week of Jesus' life from the Gospel of Luke in a dramatic service with solemn story and powerful depth.

Sittin' with the Blues - March 22, 7:00pm. James Van Nuys, Bob Fahey, Jami Lynn and other friends will highlight our annual blues concert.

A Christian Wake Service - March 23, 6:00pm. A meal, a time for stories, an opportunity to share with all ages.

Maundy Thursday - March 24. The pastors will offer the gift of footwashing beginning at **6:30pm** in the church parlor. At **7:00pm**, our choir will be featured in a powerful liturgy in the sanctuary.

Good Friday - March 25. At **11:00am**, we will share a liturgy suitable for preschool and elementary children. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. At **noon** our annual "Journey to the Cross" is a 30-minute liturgy exploring the depth of the sacrifice and the pain of loss.

The Great Vigil - March 26, 6:30pm. The first alleluias after a somber season ring with special joy as we kindle new fire for a service of light, share the Word, re-experience baptism and join in communion.

Our Easter Celebration begins with a Sunrise Service at Main Street Square at 6:00am. Then join us for a light breakfast at the church with serving beginning at **8:00am**.

Our Resurrection Celebration at 9:30am will feature choirs, pageantry and a powerful message.

This Week's Events

Today: Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday
8:00am: Bell Choir Practice
8:30am: Adult Choir Practice
8:30am: Dept. of Ministries
9:30am: Worship/Sunday School
10:30am: Fellowship/Scrapbook
11:45am: Carpool for Downtown Palm Parade
3:30pm: Jail Ministry
5:00pm: The Well Service

Monday, March 21

Holy Monday
7:00pm: Liturgy of the Passion Service

Tuesday, March 22

Holy Tuesday
9:00am: Woodchuck Splitting
10:30am: Staff Meeting
11:30am: 4th Tues. Ladies Lunch
1:00pm: Craft Day
1:15pm: Spiritual Practices
7:00pm: Sittin' with the Blues Concert

Wednesday, March 23

Holy Wednesday
9:30am: Kerygma
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice

6:00pm: Christian Wake Service and Meal
7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday
6:30pm: Footwashing in the Parlor
7:00pm: Maundy Thurs. Service

Friday, March 25

Good Friday
11:00am: Family Communion
12:00pm: Journey to the Cross
1:00pm: Rescue Stained Glass
1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

Saturday, March 26

Holy Saturday
9:00am: Woodchuck Splitting
10:00am: Front Porch Group
6:30pm: Great Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday
6:00am: Sunrise Service at Main Street Square
8:00am: Breakfast at Church
8:30am: Adult Choir Practice
9:30am: Resurrection Celebration
10:30am: Fellowship
3:30pm: Jail Ministry
5:00pm: The Well Service

News and Events

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the communion table are given by the **Boyd family** in honor of **Ed Boyd's** 100th birthday.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our sympathies and prayers are with **Sheila and Brent Long and family** following the death of Sheila's mother, **Debbie Torrey**, on

March 13. Services were held at First Congregational Church on March 17.

Our prayers are with **Julie and Rob Burton** and family following the death of Julie's father, **Charles G. Paulsen**, on March 8. Services were held in Laurel, NE on March 11.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Lisa and Joe Trana** and family. Joe's father, **Dan Trana** has been receiving hospice care.

Shut-in church members are in our prayers including: **John Ameson, Mavis Iverson, Shirley Triggs, and Ida Muree St. Pierre.**

Our prayers our with **Mae Louise Zeise**, following hip surgery.

Cards and letters may be sent to:

Mae Louise Zeise

c/o The Club Health and

Rehabilitation Center at the Villages

16529 SE 86th Belle Meade Circle

The Villages FL 32162

Our prayers are with the following members, families and friends: **Laura**

Boyd's brother, **John Winder;**

Marvin Bitterman, Carol Boyles'

brother, **Rex Hammon; Al Dymock;**

Jill Kundtz; Jill Kundtz's sister-

in-law, **Mindy; Ted McBride; Pat-**

sy Parkin-Valandra's daughter-in-

law, **Angie Parkin, Rev. Ray**

Schatz; Jane Seaton's daughter,

Gail Johnson; Rev. Don Stoebner

and his wife and caregiver, **Rosie;**

Deb Tompkins' nephew; brothers,

Bob and Joe Hills; and friend,

Barb Reynolds; and **Tish Wil-**

kinson.

BIRTHDAYS

March 21: Laura Bareis

March 22: Ryan Long

Scott Nielsen

March 23: Del Maynard

March 25: Ethan Thompson

ALTAR GUILD SCRAPBOOK

The Altar Guild members invite you to visit our table in the Fellowship Hall after worship **today**. We will have scrapbooks available the **third Sunday of each month** for folks to view. Stop by and help us rekindle and refresh those memories!

4TH TUES. LADIES LUNCH

The 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch group will gather at **Minerva's** on **March 22 at 11:30pm.**

LSS BENEFIT DINNER

The Good Evening Circle has been providing items to Lutheran Social Services' New Alternatives program which assists young people who are aging out of foster care and need many supplies in order to live independently. This and other LSS programs will receive funds raised at its annual benefit dinner on May 1. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the March Rummage and Bake Sale. This includes those who worked on setup, sale days, and cleanup as well as the bakers and those who shopped at the sale.

EASTER LILIES

The Altar Guild will be offering Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. They may be purchased for \$15.00 per plant as a memorial for loved ones or as a donation to beautify the church. A member of the Altar Guild will take orders for the lilies in Fellowship Hall following worship **today**. The deadline for orders is **Monday, March 21.**

Please take your lily home after church on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for sharing your plant with us.



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Palm/Passion Sunday
Luke 19:28-40

Palm Sunday

There's a colt and cloaks on the road, people shouting and a lot of excitement in the Gospel today. Jesus is coming . . . Yay! It's like a first-century block party. It even has neighbors that don't like the noise and tell Jesus to keep his followers quiet. But Jesus replies, "Even if everyone was quiet the stones would shout."

Coming down that road into Jerusalem it took a lot of noise to attract a few hundred. Today, the United Church of Christ has its own faith noisemaker called Extravagance UCC (extravaganceucc.org). This online faith community has attracted thousands to its own way of welcoming people into the Church of Jesus Christ in the 21st century. They host weekly Bible studies, prayer groups and Facebook retreats, and describe themselves as "a geographically dispersed, online faith community, connecting people on life's journey and being a source of justice, peace, and hope in the world."

Last year on Palm Sunday, Extravagance UCC celebrated a virtual Palm Sunday dinner. Originating in Atlanta at a dinner hosted by digital minister, Reverend Nicole Havelka, the event was live streamed to participants across the country, including the youth group of North Prospect Union UCC in Medford, Mass., and members of The Outdoor Church, a ministry for homeless men and women in Cambridge, Mass. During what they called "Dinner Church," there were opportunities for table conversations, singing of hymns, and worship.

"For too long we have been caught in the idea that church only happens within four walls of a physical building," said Havelka. "Using technology and inviting gatherings of people in their homes reaches beyond those physical confines and offers people a comfortable space in which to try out church after a time away or even for the first time."

Using technology is one way the UCC is letting the stones shout the good news of Jesus the Christ. On Extravagance UCC's website (extravaganceucc.org) you will find links to the online Bible study groups and information on how to join them around their virtual table the next time they host a dinner. You can even learn how to host your own "Dinner Church." Your young people go off to college. Have you considered linking them one night a quarter for support and virtual pizza? Or, what about a Facebook group for those active in mission work on behalf of your church to share ideas and resources? This Palm Sunday, let the stones shout!

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Thanks to:

Our Church Family and Friends

Cam Miller, guestbook and nametags

Sybil and Chuck Rounds, greeters

Usher Team 3

Andy Knight, reader

Corrin Burke and Shay Osmea, acolytes

The Adult Choir

The Bell Choir

Margaret Putnam and Nora Wosepka, coffee hosts

Sybil and Chuck Rounds, dishes

Aparna Ayyangar, Readers Corner Reader

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Ted E. Huffman

Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Susan R. Huffman

Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Kathleen Batchelder

Pastor and Teacher

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Pam Van Curen

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Michael Ross

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Organist Emerita

