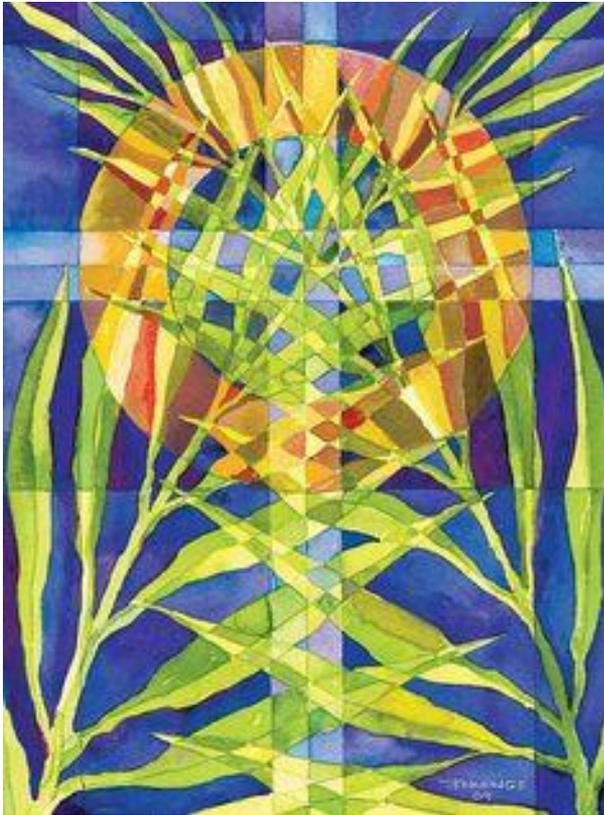


**The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ**

Sunday, March 25, 2018

10:00am

Palm Sunday



Rev. Dr. Helen Nablo, PASTOR
Rev. Dr. Rosemary MacKay, WORSHIP LEADER
Kelley DePasqua, MUSIC DIRECTOR
Michael Eaton, ORGANIST

Jenny Healy, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED
Order of Worship

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude

Processional

-William Mathias 1934-1992

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*one voice*)

The story of Palm Sunday tells how people removed their cloaks and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The cloak we wear every day to face the world is both the persona we wish to present, and our defense against the elements. As we come to worship, may we be willing to lay down our defenses and disguises, at the feet of the One who sees us as we really are. And then, set free for worship, may we offer our praises with open hearts and lives.

***Hymn No. 178** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***Litany of the Day** (from Psalm 118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."

**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 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 God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

***The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Our Father, 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

***Gloria Patri** No. 36 (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen. Amen.

The Children's Message

Jenny Healy

Choral Anthem

King of Glory by Lloyd Larson

Who is the King? Who is the King of Glory?

He is the Lord, my strength and song.
Who is the King? Who is the King of Glory?
He has become my salvation.

Hear the shouts of joy and victory!
The Lord's own hand is lifted high.
For he offers new life, this exalted one.
He is the King, the people cry!

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

Hosanna, loud Hosanna the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus who had blessed them, close folded to his breast.
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Hosanna in the highest, the ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King!
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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

-----*Children depart for Sunday School*-----

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Lesson Mark 11:1-11 NT44 or 823

Sermon *What We Lay Down* Pastor Helen Nablo

***Hymn No. 425** O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Ride on King Jesus by Moses Hogan

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Ride on, King Jesus,
Ride on, the conquerin' King

Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on
No man, no, can a-hinder thee

I was but young when I begun
No man, no, can a-hinder thee
But now my race is almost done
No man, no, can a-hinder thee

King Jesus rides a milk white horse
No man, no, can a-hinder thee
The ribber of Jordan He did cross
No man, no, can a-hinder thee

He's the King (He's the King)
And the Lord (Lord of all)
No man, no, can a-hinder thee
He's the first (Jesus is the first)
And the last (and He's the last)
He's the Lord (Jesus is the Lord)
Of Lords (Lord of Lords)
Jesus is the prince (Jesus is the prince)
Of peace (Prince of peace)
No man, no, can a-hinder thee

***Doxology No. 44**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Promised Messiah, visit the desperate places. King of kings, give strength to the powerless places. Living Word, walk in the lifeless places. Servant Savior, tend in the needy places. Rejected sufferer, comfort in the painful places. Death defeater, bring wholeness and healing to all places. And start here, Lord, among us. Amen.

***Hymn No. 180** A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Benediction and Choral Response

Palms have been waved,
cloaks spilled on the ground,
voices have been lifted in song,
and Jesus has been welcomed into the city.

The week lies ahead of us,
times of servanthood and symbolism, disappointment and
heartbreak

as feet are washed and bread is broken,
and the cross looms ahead of us.

May we walk with Passion along Jesus way.

Amen.

Postlude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

-Paul Manz 1919-2009

*During the postlude you may remain seated,
or rise to greet the pastor and proceed to coffee hour.*

Our Deacon In-Charge is Sam Butterfield.

Our Greeters are Rosa Cook and Rich Vannozzi..

The flowers are in given in loving memory of my parents,
Henry and Joyce Hammond. Given by James Hammond.

NOTES

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. Please join us for our services during Holy Week. And if you are a visitor, please sign your name one of the pew cards and we will send you a copy of the church newsletter.

Please silence your cell phones so we can be fully present to the spirit and to one another.

This morning we have nursery/cribroom care with Kristin Moses, our childcare worker. Kristen is with us every Sunday.

Hearing devices and copies of the morning sermon are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Registration forms for the Women's Retreat (April 13-14) are available on the marble table in the upper vestibule. Speak with Dawn Durmis (508-725-3283) or Susan Cotta (508-746-9186) if you have any questions.

Memorial Lilies: Today is your last chance to order lilies. Through your loving donation of \$15, your name and those honored or memorialized will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Sign up in the lower vestibule following the service. Flowers can be picked up, and volunteers will be welcomed to take flowers to shut-ins, after the second Easter service.

Easter Pageant Rehearsal: Today after worship at 11:30 in the sanctuary. We aim to make it brief.

Newcomers Gathering—Save the date. A second gathering to be held on April 8th explores membership more deeply. We hope to have people received into membership on Sunday, May 6th.

Fellowship Dinners, Saturday, April 28. A fellowship dinner gives us the opportunity to share a meal and connect with one another in a smaller setting. A host offers his/her home for the evening, determines the number of people they can accommodate, and provides liquid refreshments. The attendees provide an item for the potluck supper. The first round of fellowship dinners is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. The more hosts we have, the more parties there will be. If you are interested in being a host or attending, please call or email Shellie (office@townsquare.org) or you can sign up at coffee hour on Sunday with Sandy Bartlett or Bonnie Koehler.

A friend and family CPR that will include adult and infant CPR, AED use and choking is being held in the JRC Great Room (upstairs). This class will cost \$45. There are two different class offerings on Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm and Saturday, May 5th at 9am. This class is being sponsored by the Board of Deacons and led by Samuel Palagi, Paramedic and Firefighter, Public Fire

and Life Safety Educator, and American Heart Association instructor. Sign-up during coffee hour or through the church office.

Beautiful Day Granola: Join us Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 5:30-6:30pm, 460 Pine St, Providence, RI. Learn about our job training and social learning programs, meet our refugee trainees and employees, and get a tour of our kitchen at the Amos House. Refreshments provided. Questions, please email monikam@beautifuldayri.org.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, March 26: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall.

Tuesday, March 27: Deacons meet, 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, March 28: Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm, Sanctuary.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

Thursday, March 29: 7pm, Maundy-Thursday worship Service.

Friday, March 30: 4:30 Pageant Practice with pizza dinner.

6:30pm Good Friday Journey to the Cross. Church Office Closed.

Sunday, April 1: 6:15am Coles Hill Sunrise Service, 9:15 am Easter Pageant, and 11am (*note time change*) Celebration of the Resurrection.

Please note our April Communion date will be Sunday, April 8th.
Our worship will move to the JRC for several Sundays in April.



As an Open and Affirming Congregation we invite all into our faith, to fully share in all church life, including our work, worship, rites, and sacraments, with the assurance that we are all created in God's image, reconciled by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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