



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

29 March 2026 – 10:30 AM
PALM - PASSION SUNDAY

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE *Ride On in Majesty* David Paxton
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

PREFACE *Matthew 21:1-11*

ENTRANCE *Palm Sunday Processional* Daniel Greig & Jon Paige
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director
Bells: Roger Bowers, Scott Campbell, Larry Kistner, Bill Walton

***EXULTATION**

One: We praise you, O God, for the liberating life of Jesus!

**All: We praise you for the courage he inspires in us,
for the daring spirit that challenges every injustice,
for the grace that insists on community and compassion.**

One: We praise you, O God, for the winds of the Spirit!

All: We thank you for her vision of unity, for her promise of peace.

One: We take every step in gratitude for the companionship of Jesus and the fellowship we share in the body of Christ.

All: We praise you, O God, for the gift of life.

One: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

One: Because God is good and steadfast love endures forever:

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

***BLESSING OF PALMS**

***HYMN 216** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

One: Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us."

All: Christ is in our midst, God's power revealed in vulnerability and courage.

One: Let us pray... Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the way of your love that we know in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

All: That united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal justice and peace, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

***GREETING OF PEACE**

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

Soloists: Sandy Schuller and Jeanette Moretti

SERMON

No Kings!

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

[refrain] **Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, if you please,
Daily walking close with thee, let it be, dear lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong, Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long, as I walk, let me walk close with thee.** [refrain]

PASSION PRAYERS

One: Let us recall the times Jesus was betrayed.

All: Be with us, O God, when we hurt, and are hurt by, those we love.

One: Let us recall that "the powers that be" opposed Jesus, who he was, and what he proclaimed.

All: Be with us, Righteous God, as we work for justice and peace for ourselves and for all people everywhere.

One: Let us recall Jesus praying in Gethsemane, alone.

All: Be with us, Faithful God, in lonely times.

One: Let us remember when even his disciple Peter denied knowing Jesus.

All: Be with us, Steadfast God, when we deny you and who you would have us be.

One: Let us remember Jesus and his death, suffering agony on the cross.

All: Be with us, Compassionate God, when the pains of our mortality threaten to overtake us.

One: Let us remember those who cared for Jesus through the hour of his death and carried him to the tomb.

All: Be with us, Eternal God, as we move to places of death and loss with those we love.

One: Let us remember that the Good News of Jesus Christ continues beyond the tomb.

[silent meditations]

**All: Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth.**

With the bread we need this day, feed us.

For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

OFFERTORY
Invitation
Offertory Music

Vexilla Regis



Ludwig Lenel

*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 222

My Song Is Love Unknown

RHOSYMEDRE

BENEDICTION

"Lux Aeterna," from *Requiem*

Maurice Duruflé

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis, quia pius es.

May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
with your saints for ever, for you are good.
Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them,
for you are good.

*Choral Benediction offered in grateful memory of
Earle Lapp
7 May 1926 – 9 January 2026
longtime member of this church and beloved choir director*

HOLY WEEK @ PEACE UCC

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2
7PM – EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3
**7PM – MUSICAL VESPERS FEATURING
REQUIEM
BY MAURICE DURFULÉ**
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CHANCEL CHOIR
CHERYL ANDERSON, DIRECTOR • VLADA MORAN, ORGANIST

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5
7AM – DAYBREAK SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION
NATURAL BRIDGES STATE BEACH

10:30AM – EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE
(BRING A BELL FOR THE RESURRECTION RING!)

11:45 – EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT FOR KIDS!
(IF YOU CAN, BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR BRUNCH.)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became
 bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's
 successor. According to legend, he was released when the
 king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
 Melchior Teschner, 1615
 For another setting, see 217

My Song Is Love Unknown

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Samuel Crossman, 1664; alt.

2 Cor. 5:15-19; Heb. 5:7-10

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they threw down palms and sweet - est prais - es sang.
 4 What has my Sov - ereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5 I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:

Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.
 Ho - san - nas and glad psalms through streets and mar - kets rang.
 Christ gave new strength to run, re - stored the gift of sight.
 Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.

O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
 But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, for blood and death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?
 life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.
 thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst Christ rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst Christ rise.
 glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

First published in 1664 by Samuel Crossman, one of the first writers of English hymns, this hymn of praise for Christ's love was not appreciated until 200 years later. The tune was named for the parish in northeastern Wales where the composer served as vicar.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.8.8.8.
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840