

Pilgrim's Online Worship will begin at 10:30. If you are reading this message you are in the right place!

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Welcome to our early folks! Our worship leaders are muted as we continue to prepare.

You may use the chat function in Zoom to greet one another now. This service will be recorded. Please stay muted for now.



Pilgrim Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday

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Order of Worship  
April 5, 2020  
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Prelude Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Bruce Greer

Greetings and Announcements Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Passing of the Peace Sarah Jane Fuller

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Call to Worship Duncan Todd

One: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

**All: Who is this?**

One: So in worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

**All: Jesus is the alpha and omega.**

One: Jesus is our teacher and preacher.

**All: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.**

One: Jesus is our source of love.

**All: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.**

One: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

**All: Let us worship our God!**

Opening Prayer

**God, You are good! Your goodness never ends;  
The road ahead is long, but we are able!  
It is the way of suffering, but we are able!  
Mold us and make us like you.  
Even in our human frailty, You are still good!  
Even in our doubts, You are still good!  
Even in the face of betrayal, You are still good!  
We place our lives in your hands, because you are still good!  
And your goodness never ends,  
And so we cry *Hosanna!*  
AMEN!**

Opening Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Anthem	Sing Hosanna	P. Freeburg & C. Walker
Children's Message		Sarah Jane Fuller
Hymn	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	(#331 Black)
Sermon		Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash
Prayers of the People		
Pastoral Prayer		
Prayer Response	Taize - In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful	
Offertory	Adoramus Te Christe	M. Haugen

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## The Sacrament of Communion

### Hymn

Jesus Is Here Right Now

(#348 Black)

### Invitation

For Holy Communion this morning, I invite you to lend Christ your table.

On the first day of Holy Week long ago, people throughout Judea arrived at the dusty gates of Jerusalem, primed with “Hosanna” in their hearts and Jesus asked to borrow a donkey.

On the Thursday that followed, Jesus rented or was given John Mark’s mother’s Upper Room to celebrate the Passover with the disciples.

On the afternoon of the resurrection, Jesus was invited into a house in Emmaus and used the bread of that hospitality to break and bless.

Lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup and your heart, for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey, “The Lord has need of it.”

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, On Sunday the city of Jerusalem cheered for you. They laid down coats and palms for you. They shouted “Hosanna!” and called you king. But on Friday they abandoned you. On Friday they yelled “Crucify him!” On Friday, you were in the wilderness alone. God, we want to be Palm Sunday Christians, but we know all too well that we also are the Good Friday crowd. So today we ask for forgiveness. Forgive us for the moments when we deny you and your message of love. Forgive us our sins. Hear us as we pray the prayer your son taught, saying,**

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father (Creator), 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.**

Words of Assurance

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing.  
Though we are many throughout the earth  
and this church community is scattered,  
In your many kitchens, and living rooms,  
rest your hands lightly upon these elements  
which we set aside today to be a sacrament.  
Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

**Unison: Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on grace.  
Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon every table where your child shelters in place,  
that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all.  
Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you. Amen.**

## Words of Remembering

Leader: We remember that Paul the apostle  
wrote letters to congregations throughout places  
we now call Greece, Turkey and Macedonia,  
and they were the first “remote” worship resources.  
Our online service has a long heritage.  
The Communion words sent to the church at Corinth were these:  
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed  
took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it and said,  
“This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Sharing of the Elements

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

**Unison: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives.  
May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love,  
not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world,  
and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope  
even in the midst of pandemic.  
Wrap your hopeful presence around all  
whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing,  
and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen**

Benediction

Postlude

In Memory

J. Cotter

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## 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

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11

Unison

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;  
move; Such a love as none can part;

such a life as con - - - quers death.  
such a strength as makes . . . . a guest.  
such a heart as joys . . . . in love.

Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted  
his manuscript of The Temple (including this hymn) to a friend  
for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph  
Vaughan Williams is from Five Mystical Songs from George  
Herbert.

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

# In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Ostinato Refrain

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-  
*El Se-ñor es mi for-ta-le-za, el Se-ñor es mi can-*

joice! Look to God, do not be a-fraid. Lift up your  
*ción. Él nos da la sal-va-ción. En él con-*

voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.  
*fí-o, no te-me-ré. En él con-fí-o, no te-me-ré.*

Text: Taizé Community  
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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# Jesus Is Here Right Now

Leon C. Roberts, 1986; alt.

*not fast*

Je - sus is here right now. Je - sus is

*Somewhat detached throughout*

here. With this bread and wine true peace you'll

find; Christ Je - sus is here right now. (right now).

Composer Leon C. Roberts is perhaps best known for his "Mass of St. Augustine" and other liturgical compositions that appear in Lead Me, Guide Me: The African-American Catholic Hymnal. His work is greatly influenced by priest and composer Clarence Joseph Rivers.

Tune: JESUS IS HERE 6.4.5.4.6  
 Leon C. Roberts, 1986

# Virtual Coffee Hour

