



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
April 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY
INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

This Lent, our theme is Creation Care,
Climate Justice, and the Renewal of the Earth.
In the words of Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light:
As people of faith, we begin with love.
We see the earth not simply as an elegant mechanism,
but as a miracle of creation.
We see people not only as producers, workers, and consumers,
but as unique and precious souls.
We see ecological healing and environmental justice
as our sacred responsibility.

**Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**

Mission Statement

*A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers
Making a difference in our world,
By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and Serving God by serving others.*

Welcome Statement

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.

Children at Pilgrim

Children are an important part of our worshipping community. We try to make them feel at home! All are welcome.

Professional childcare for infants and toddlers is available in Pilgrim Hall from 10:15 to the end of the service.

Visual and Hearing Aids

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.

Large Print bulletins are available. Sermon texts are also available.

Service of Worship – April 10, 2022
PALM SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

DISTRIBUTING PALMS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Reebee Girash

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.

*PALM PARADE

We parade outside the Church and in our Homes.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor - PH 155

1. All glory, laud, and honor, To thee,
Redeemer King, To whom the lips of
children Made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews With palms
before thee went; Our praise and prayer
and anthems Before thee we present.
2. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's
royal son, Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One;
To thee, before thy passion, They sang
their hymns of praise; To thee, now high
exalted, Our melody we raise.
3. Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the
prayers we bring, Who in all good
delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor To thee,
Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of
children Made sweet hosannas ring! Amen

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-c.821
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.*

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melody by Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;
To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash,
Deven, and Sarah Jane Fuller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Jane Fuller

O God, we praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you, too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore to us a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Reebee Girash

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Isaac

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
Led by Matt Wessner

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40
Acadia and Aaliyah

A reading from Luke's Gospel

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." '

³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

'Blessed is the king
comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'

⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Fanfare for Palm Sunday
with John Girash on Saxophone
and members of the Youth Group

REFLECTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Sarah Jane Fuller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Into Your Hands (Psalm 31)
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*DOXOLOGY

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

or

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

Dan

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna NCH 213

1 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.

2 From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.

The one whom angels worship
rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children
slowed down the donkey's gait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song is ours,

We hail our Redeemer,
and sing with all our powers.

Hosanna, Christ, we praise you
with heart and life and voice.

Hosanna! In your presence
forever we'll rejoice.

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15



1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"



*Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents,
wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was
published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.*

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Wirtembergischen
katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

BENEDICTION

One: God is good! All the time!

All: All the time, God is good!

One: God's goodness never ends;

All: The road ahead is long, but we are able!

One: It is the way of suffering, but we are able!

All: Mold us and make us like you, O God.

One: Even in our human frailty, You are still good!

All: Even in our doubts, You are still good!

One: Even in the face of betrayal, You are still good!

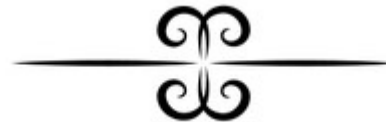
All: We place our lives in your hands, because you are still good!

One: And your goodness never ends,

All: And so we cry Hosanna! AMEN!

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
setting by John Carter



A special thank you to our kids for doing the readings today and to **Doug Johnston** who is our Zoom host.

SOURCE NOTES: The Call to Worship is by Sanctified Art; the Prayer of Confession is by Ruth Duck. The Benediction is by Cynthia Wilson. The Prayer of Dedication is from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

*Please be in a posture of praise.

MUSIC STREAMED IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Hymn - All Glory, Laud, and Honor PH 155

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Today's service will be recorded.

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, April 10, 10:30 am

Worship in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14, 7:30 pm

Service of Tenebrae, in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17, 10:30 am

Worship in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am