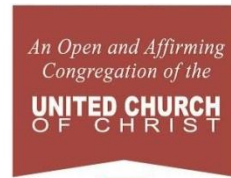


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April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday

Prelude *Let Us Come Together for a Time* *Words and Music Brian Woodcock, Adapted*

Candle Lighting

Our worship begins as we focus on Christ's light with the altar candle. You are encouraged to quietly prepare yourself to feel Christ's presence by lighting your own candle at home.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Come Sunday* *Duke Ellington*

*Call to Worship and Invocation

Leader: Jesus asked all who sought to follow, "What are you looking for?"
And the crowd called out:

All: The one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Jesus asks us what we are looking for, and from all our homes,
we acknowledge we are looking for the same...

All: We are looking for a Savior.

Leader: We gather in worship this morning to lay our prayers, and our praise at Jesus' feet.

All: We gather to meet our God.

Leader: And when Jesus asks us what we are looking for, we'll be ready.

Leader: Friends, Jesus asks us what we are looking for, and you are invited to name it now,
silently or out loud, in the comfort of your homes:
[Silent or Out-Loud Prayer Requests]

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Living God, we pray to you our "Hosannas" – all the ways we ask you to save us in this time. Like our gratitude, like our lives, we set them down before you in this time of worship, asking that you might transform us, that we might be living examples of your truth in this world just waiting to be made new. Amen.

***Hymn** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* NCH 216

First Scripture Reading From Mark 11:1-11 and Luke 19: 28-38

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Word of God for All Ages

Special Music

It Is Well With My Soul

Emma, Andy, and Tess Barker

Second Scripture Reading From John 13:3-16

When everyone had gathered for the meal, Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." But Peter responded, "You will never wash my feet." And Jesus said, "Unless I wash you, you cannot be my disciple." "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

***Words of Assurance**

***Passing of the Peace**

During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives, and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.

Anthem

Spirit of Peace, Come to Me

Carolyn McDade

Stewardship Witness

Charlie Church

Call to the Offering

Offertory

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The Hobbs Family Brass

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*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and 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.

*Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

NCH 223

Third Scripture Reading From Matthew 26:19-29

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Meditation

Service of Holy Communion

Lamb of God

John Bell

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn

God Be with You

NCH 81

*Bidding to Mission and Benediction

Postlude

Minuet #2, by J.S. Bach

Aven Jorgenson

**Please stand as you are able.*