

Sunday Worship
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Song of Praise

New Century Hymnal #213

*“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.*

*From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship rode in a lowly state,
And glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey’s gait.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song is ours.
We hail our great 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!”*

Words of Welcome

Rev. David Gregory

An Offering of Prayer

*In response to each request, the minister will say “Oh Beloved One”
The congregation will respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

The Prayer of Jesus by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days –come swiftly Mother, Father, come, for yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Prayer Response

The Faith We Sing #2128

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

Greeting One Another with God’s Peace (*A wave, a nod, a sign of peace . . .*)

Choral Anthem: “Blessed Is He” WUCC Choir, Ron Milliman, Dir.

An Offering of our Gifts and a Prayer of Thankfulness

Today’s Scripture: Heather Himes

Matthew 21:1-11 New Revised Standard Version (updated)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

*“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.”*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!”*

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Musical Meditation

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Message: “Get Us Out of This Mess!” Rev. David Gregory

Communion Song

The Faith We Sing #2267

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

The Practice of Communion

Song of Celebration

New Century Hymnal #347

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Immanuel everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

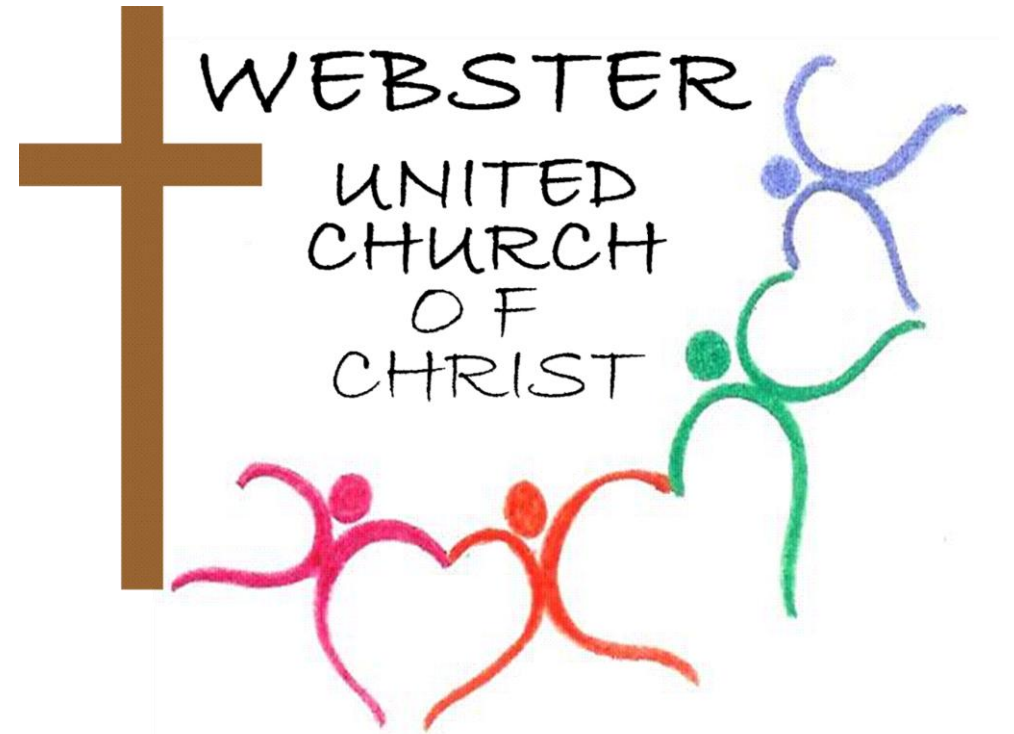
Announcements and Updates

Closing Circle - Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

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