

Worship from Home
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC
Sunday, March 28, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

Many: Let the Savior enter!

One: Shout with joy, all you people.

All: The Savior has come forth bringing peace. AMEN.

*Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Trumpet - Rev. Lisa Durkee, French Horn - Ann Boudreaux

“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 great,
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 on in lowly state,
And glad to see the children, slowed down the donkeys 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!”

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God’s Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day! Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Psalm 118

- read by Becky Wentworth

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's love endures forever.

² Let Israel say:
"God's love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed are those who come in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and has made God's light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's love endures forever.

A Reading from The Gospels Mark 11:1-11

- read by Becky Wentworth

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Sermon

“Hail the Incarnate Deity”

Pastor Lisa

*Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, holy Je-sus,
how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee
hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

For me, kind Jesus,
was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow,
and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish
and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,

I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Prayers of the People (*sharing of joys and concerns*)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to Give

*Unison Prayer of Dedication (From Moira Laidlaw)

Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, our Lord. He emptied himself that we might be filled. He humbled himself that we might be lifted up. We pray these gifts be used to proclaim the gospel which fills lives that are empty and lifts up those who need help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*Hymn *"My Song is Love Unknown"*

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?

I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:
Never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Benediction