



## Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday in Lent

*We extend love and extravagant welcome  
to all of God's children without judgment,  
no matter who they are or  
where they are on life's journey.*

April 10, 2022

### **Welcome!**

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.**

Masks are required when you enter, move about, or sing in the Church house.  
Masks are optional when you are seated in a pew and physically distanced.

As a courtesy to others, silence your phone.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back.

Sign Language interpretation is available in the front.

Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

Please offer your contact data at the door to contain virus transmission.

### **Gathering Music & Lighting Candles** (10:20a)

Steve Milloy, piano; Theo Baldwin & Steve Phillips, piano duet; Bennett Draper, Acolyte

"Morning has Broken" -Traditional Gaelic Melody, arr. Neil Maxey

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" -Melchior Teschner, arr. Cindy Berry

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - arr. Robert D. Vandall

### **Centering Prayer**

*You call us—ordinary people with ordinary lives—to be a church dedicated to your purposes, which are at odds with the values of the world. Strengthen us to leave behind all the distortions of life we indulge and to embrace the gift of wholeness and joy you have offered us in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

**Greeting, Call to Worship & Opening Prayer** (10:30a) Keith M. Haithcock

One: Hosanna!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Christ is with us.

**All: Christ is in our midst.**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. Amen**

(Masks are required when you sing.)

**Introit, 214**

"Mantos y Ramos"  
(Filled with Excitement)

Jennie Malone, vocal leader

**Opening Our Heart**

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

(Silence is kept.)

**All: Loving God, we own up to the mark that you have given us to live by.  
You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people  
and suffering pain for us;  
still we do not turn in love and obedience to you.**

**We do that which we ought not to do,  
and we leave undone those things we ought to do.**

**Aimless and rebellious as we are,  
we cannot trust in ourselves;  
we can trust only in your grace.**

**Speak the word, O God,  
and we shall be made free.**

**Forgive us, receive us,  
and give us courage to serve you  
with renewed hearts and wills. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

One: Be assured, in the name of Jesus Christ:

**All: Our sins are forgiven.**

**Our faith and God's love has made us free.**

**In Christ we are a new creation. Thanks be to God!**

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## Opening Hymn, 11

Bring Many Names

Congregation and vocal leader

## Community Prayer and The Prayer Jesus Teaches

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, whose whisper silences the shouts of the mighty,  
quiet within us every voice but your own.**

**Speak to us now through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ  
that by the power of your Holy Spirit**

**we may receive grace to show forth Christ's love  
in lives committed to your service.**

*-Silence is kept-*

One: Together with one voice we pray the words Jesus teaches us, saying..

**ALL: Great Giver, in whom heaven is found, holy is your name.**

**May your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth.**

**Give us this day bread for our journey and make us hungry to see the  
whole world nourished.**

**Forgive us and help us forgive one another.**

**Strengthen us for the challenges that lie ahead.**

**Let us hear your prophets and deliver us from our privilege.**

**For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need  
in the world and in the world to come. Amen.**

## Luke 19.28-40 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Richard Robbins

<sup>28</sup> Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: <sup>30</sup> "Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie

it and lead it back. <sup>31</sup> If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. <sup>33</sup> As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you doing that?"

<sup>34</sup> They explained that the Rabbi needed it. <sup>35</sup> Then the disciples let the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount.

<sup>36</sup> People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. <sup>37</sup> As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*"STONES OF WITNESS"*

Keith M. Haithcock

**Ministry of Music** "Celtic Hosanna" -*Mark Hayes & John Parker* The St. John Ensemble

**An Invitation to Share our Gifts** -*Mathew 5.14-16*

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One: "You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you?"

**All: No!**

One: You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you?"

**All: No!**

One: No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your God in heaven."

**All: May it be so!**

One: Offering plates are available at both the front and back of the Sanctuary. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God bless you as you give your gifts generously to continue this ministry of justice, diversity, and inclusion, a beacon of hope and inspiration.

## Unison Blessing of our Gifts

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God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen

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## Parting Song, 216 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Congregation and vocal leader

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

## Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.)

Keith M. Haithcock

## Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" -arr. Larry Shackley

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## Sock Collection and Worship Service for Maundy Thursday

We are collecting NEW (not used) socks for Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, in lieu of washing feet. During the Maundy Thursday service (at Christ Church UCC in Ft. Thomas) the socks will be brought forward and blessed. Brighton Center volunteers will include the socks in the care packages prepared for those who are homeless in the area. Donations may be dropped off now in the big box located in the Accessible Lobby through Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

You are invited to attend the combined Maundy Thursday Service

**on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00**

**at Christ Church, United Church of Christ**

**15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY**



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