

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#123 Red UCC hymnal

1 All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou are the King of Israel Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

2 All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.

3 All glory, laud, and honor to you, 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.

4 All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted our melody we raise.

5 All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open the doors of this holy place,
That we may enter and give thanks to God
For this is the day God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

(Wave palm branches.)

God has opened the doors of grace
And all creation is invited to join in praise
For this is the day God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

(Wave palm branches.)

Blessed is the One
Who comes in God's name
To shed light on our darkness
For this is the day God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

(Wave palm branches.)

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Hosanna Savior,

We wave our palms and sing our praise

**As we remember your triumphal entry into
Jerusalem.**

May your Spirit enter

the heart of our worship this day

Give us the strength

to endure the journey which is ahead.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A time of silent reflection. Hosanna means “save us.” From what do you hope God will save you and the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

All are invited to greet one another with such words as “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the response: “And also with you.”

PRAISE RESPONSE (refrain from #123)

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer King.
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

ANTHEM Children’s Choir
“Hosanna, Hallelujah!” Avery and Marsh

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson - **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Epistle Lesson - **Philippians 2:5-11**

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a

slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel - **Matthew 21:1-11**

²¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“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.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

SERMON “Save Us” Pastor Jim

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

UCC Statement of Faith
#885 NCH

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:
You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* J. Threlfall
#213 NCH

**"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 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 donkey's gait.**

**3 "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!"**

MORNING PRAYERS

The congregation is invited to join with the response: **"Save us, O God"** after the pastor says: "We pray to you, O God."

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (All)

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

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Scriptural Sentence: Mark 11:2b-3a

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, the Lord needs it.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:1-5 The Plot to Kill Jesus

HYMN *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*
#126 UCC Red hymnal James Montgomery

**1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from him to watch and pray.**

**2 See him at the judgment hall;
Beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
See him meekly bearing all!
Love to man his soul sustained.
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.**

**3 Calvary's mournful mountain view;
There the Lord of glory see;
Made a sacrifice for you,
Dying on the accursed tree.
"It is finished!" Hear his cry:
Trust in Christ and learn to die.**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING

(Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head")

O God whose love has saved us,
Go with us from this place.
Be thou our guide and comfort
Throughout this Holy Week:
That having felt your presence
In all we've said and done
We may rejoice at Easter
In the rising of your Sun!

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!
We are glad that you have joined us in-
person, through the internet or on the radio.
We pray that you will hear God's call, seek
to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
RADIO BROADCAST

**11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN
98.5FM and 1370AM**

Youtube for April 2, 2023
https://youtu.be/1_u5ooq2d_M

**This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored by
"a faithful listener".**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UCC CHOIR will practice at
9:15 a.m. on Palm Sunday for
EASTER worship service.

Monday, April 3rd -

9 AM - Circle of Friends – card making

Tuesday, April 4th –

1 PM – Bible Study – 510 W 14th Street

***every week at Marge Goetsch's home**



**Holy Week
Worship
Schedule**

**Thursday, April 6th – Maundy
Thursday**

**7 PM worship service at Calvary
Lutheran Church**

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday

7 PM worship service at Calvary Lutheran Church

**Hosting Coffee
Fellowship**

April 2 – Carole Romens

April 9 – EASTER – no
fellowship following
worship

April 16-

April 23- Nancy & Kirk Rodman

April 30- Susie Karl

May 7- Nancy & Kirk Rodman

May 14-

We need your help - Please sign up on bulletin board at
rear of church for hosting coffee fellowship.



**APRIL 16, 2023
11:00-11:15 AM**

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