

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

*April 10, 2022 · Sixth Sunday of Lent
& Palm Sunday*



PALM SUNDAY

READ:

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 Jesus 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!" + Matthew 21:8-9

REFLECT:

If you're a churchy type, you're probably used to waving palms in the air on Palm Sunday. But for many of our ancestors, before it was possible to ship palms halfway around the world, people would use whatever was at hand — and this Sunday was sometimes just called "Branch Sunday." If God were to ride into your yard today and you felt like waving something in praise, what would it be?

PRAY: Here I am, waving my birch, crabapple, and white pine, oh God. Hosanna! In Jesus' name, Amen.

We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.

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WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRELUDE

The Palms
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Gabriel Faure

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs

All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

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

Together: Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(Wave palms high from pews.)

Red No. 155

INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

The story of Palm Sunday tells of how people removed their cloaks and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

The cloak we wear every day to face the world is both the persona we wish to present, and our defense against the elements.

As we come to worship may we be willing to lay down our defenses and disguises, at the feet of the One who sees us for we really are. And then, sets us free for worship.

May we offer our praises with open hearts and lives. Amen.

In the name of the One who taught us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 177

Center in us, O God, we pray,

Mindful of love, Your passions way.

Break forth within our darkest night.

From death's own cross, a holy light. Amen

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, on this day, Your Son entered the rebellious city that later rejected Him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all we have and all we are, trusting You to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as Your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God's love demonstrates to us grace upon grace, rejoice, in him we are forgiven, Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jerusalem, Behold Your King Michael Barrett & David Angerman
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pam Cochrane

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Eternal God, quiet within us those distracting mortal voices and fill us with the moving of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done in love and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world, through Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

Red No. 515

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

SCRIPTURE READING—Luke 19:28-40

Lynne Duffill

pew Bible pg. 913

MESSAGE

"Carpe Diem"

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Holy City
Ji Hye Jung, piano

Stephen Adams

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor

(words on insert)

Congregation departs with palms waving high to the Memory Garden.

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction.
The Postlude is transitional music which inspires us as we go forth as
disciples to serve God and one another. Worship has ended.
Our Service Begins. . .*

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Thomas, Susan, & Robert Mullen
Given by Julie Macsata and family*

Sunday's Servants:

Ushers: Linda & Dick Donovan and Betty Nash
Deacon: Ken Blackadar
Scripture Reader: Lynne Duffill

Stay Connected:

Morning Worship Service — Sundays at 10am

Our Sunday Morning Worship service features an in-person worship service at 10am in the Sanctuary that is also livestreamed on our social media platforms to viewers at home. For those who wish to join in worship from home, you can watch the service livestreamed at 10am on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MapleStreetChurchWelcomes, on our website: www.maplestreetchurch.org, or watch courtesy of DCAT Public Access on Comcast 99 or Verizon 36.

Zoom Prayer & Table Worship — Tuesdays at 6pm

Zoom Bible Study — Thursdays at 12noon

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm;
Fridays: 9 am – 2 pm working remote

Know someone in need of support from the Care Giver's Team
or who would like to be added to the prayer chain?
Contact Pastor Pam (781-956-2371) or
Pastor Douglas (781-363-2380) directly on their cell phones.