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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!*

W. Glen Darst

*Processional Hymn: #178 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (Verses 1-3)

*Call to Worship:

The story of Palm Sunday tells of how people removed their cloaks
and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered the Jerusalem gates and cried,
“Behold, the long-awaited One!”

**The cloak we wear every day to face the world is both the persona
we wish to present, and our protection 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 as we really are.

**And then, set free for true relationship, may we offer our praises
with open hearts and lives as we say,
Come let us worship God together.**

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Message and Parade of Palms

*Hymn: #366 “We Are Walking/Marching/Singing”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Hosanna To The Son Of David*

Daniel Moe

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn: #179 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” (Verses 1,2 4)

Pastoral Prayer

Carleen Gerber

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two are for the second line. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!".

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40; Mark 12:28-31

Sermon: **Sheltering Love**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Recessional Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (turn page)

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

The image on the cover, "Guatemala: Procession" was created by Betty LaDuke (1933-).

Today, following the morning service (weather permitting), the benediction will take place outside on the front lawn in one large circle, symbolizing church unity. During the recessional hymn the center section will come forward to receive a palm, followed by the side sections, and finally, the balcony. Once you are outside, please join the circle and continue singing until the entire congregation is outside. We shall then receive the benediction.

Scripture Readings

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

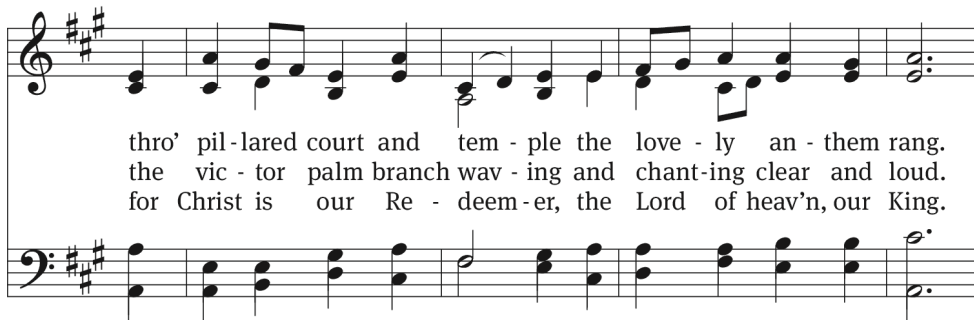
Mark 12:28-31

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

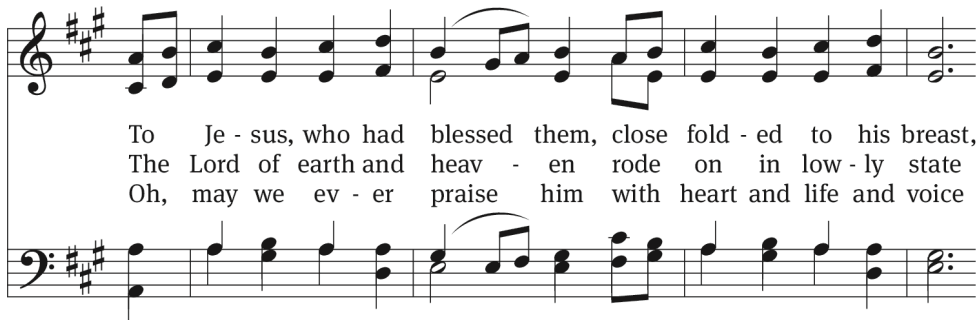
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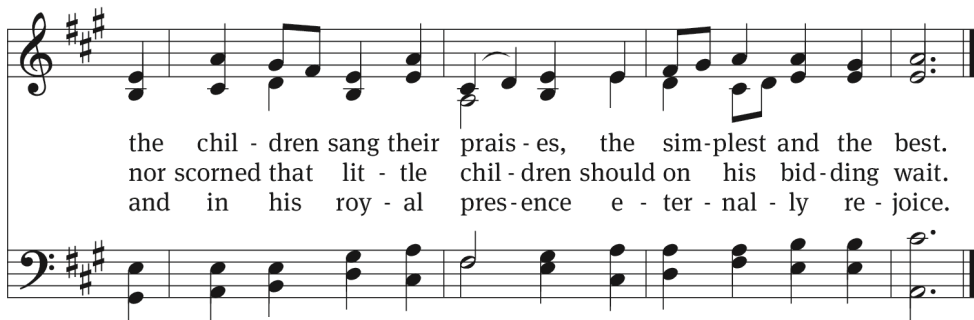
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
 Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-1880, alt.
 Tune: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784*;
 setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.*

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Easter Schedule

Thursday, Apr. 6, at 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship service of communion & sacred music.

The reading of Dante's "Inferno" will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 7, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Meetinghouse open all day for prayer and meditation

Sunday, Apr. 9, at 6:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT GRISWOLD POINT

For directions, call the church at 860-434-8686

Sunday, Apr. 9, at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Childcare is available at the 9:00 a.m. service
and Sunday School will not meet

***Easter Memorial Flowers & Music:** Anyone can make a donation to the church's Easter flowers and music selections in honor of a loved one. To do so, please contact the church office at fccol@fccol.org or 860-434-8686 to provide your name and the names of the loved ones for whom you would like a memorial or honorary dedication, and to arrange your donation.*

More on Maundy Thursday Evening - Reading of Dante's Inferno

On Thursday evening at 7 PM just following our Maundy Thursday service, some of our members and friends will each read one of the 34 Cantos that make up Dante's "Inferno." The poem begins on Maundy Thursday. And so, it is fitting that we read it on this particular night. It is long! If you get restless or sleepy, get up and walk around. Walk out and get a cup of coffee. Or go to sleep in the pews! If you can't make it through the entire reading, just come for part of it. Let your curiosity be piqued. Above all, have fun with it. Relish the fact that you're able to explore one of the world's great classics this Holy Week, a text that has funded the imagination of generations of religious and secular thinkers alike.

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Cathy Mathis.

The Lyme/Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is looking for people to help with new refugees coming to our community in the near future. We offer help in many ways to get the family settled in Old Lyme at a home owned by FCCOL. If interested, please call Joe Cipparone at (860) 912-7161 or Robin Sedgwick at (860) 434-2114 to find out how you can help. You can also join us at the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 4/5/23, at 10 a.m. at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT. You will get a sense of the needs of refugee families and how you might help.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Response: The Board of Missions has allocated \$4,000 to help victims of earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. An additional \$2,000 has been sent by members of the congregation. At this point we have forwarded the accumulated \$6,000 to IRC (International Rescue Committee) of New York to aid in the rescue support work they have already begun. If further donations are received, they will be forwarded as quickly as possible. Should you want to make an additional gift, please do so by sending your gift to the office as a check made out to FCCOL with “earthquake relief” in the memo line.

Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Drive: This is the last day of the CWS Blanket Drive. Please remember the sad people who have lost everything due to tornadoes, floods and an overabundance of snow who would welcome a warm blanket. Please send a generous donation to alleviate their suffering. Thank you! Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews and can be put in the offering plate or sent to the Church c/o LBS.

LBS Luncheons resume for the spring in ~~March~~ April (for real this time, March having been stolen from us by an imagined 3-day nor’easter that failed to materialize here in Old Lyme). The first Luncheon of the 2023 season will now be on Tuesday, April 11, 12- 2 pm. The price of admission to the Luncheon is a donation of at least \$5, accompanied by a donation of canned goods for the food pantry or a donation of disposable diapers. As always, please call the Church office at 860-434-8686 by Friday, April 7 to confirm your attendance so that we can be sure of food enough for all.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, April 3 at 10:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Refugee Resettlement Committee Wednesday, April 5 at 10:00 am at the OL Library.

Old Lyme Ringers Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm in Meetinghouse.

Dante’s *Inferno* Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in Meetinghouse.

Good Friday Friday, April 6 from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Meetinghouse open.

We thank you for worshipping with us.

Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

Large print versions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.