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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*

by W. Glen Darst

*Processional Hymn: #178 All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Call to Worship:

**God of Arrivals,
Help us to hear a call at the gates**
not to greatness, or grandiosity,
not to position or prominence
but to the deepest call of all: love, creativity and justice.

**May this carry us through
the lauds and lamentations
of our lives.**

And may we be faithful to love, creativity
and justice, as you were.
Come, let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Parade of Palms

Hymn: #366 "We Are Walking/Marching/Singing"

(Children will process around the meetinghouse with their palms 2 times and go downstairs.
Older students will remain in the sanctuary.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Hosanna to the Son of David*

by 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: #503 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

#281

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The score ends with a double bar line.

Scripture: Psalm 118: 19-24 Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: "**Sharing Humanity: A Parade of Gospel Stories**" Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager and Youth Group Students

*Hymn: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

(printed on the back cover)

Benediction

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.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*

by W. Glen Darst

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on His sapphire throne expects His own anointed Son. Ride on! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power, and reign. Ride on! Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Offertory Anthem: *Hosanna to the Son of David*

by Daniel Moe

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:19-24

Open the gates of justice!
I will enter and tell the Lord how thankful I am.
Here is the gate of the Lord!
Everyone who does right may enter this gate.
I praise the Lord for answering my prayers
and saving me.
The stone that the builders tossed aside
has now become the most important stone.

The Lord has done this, and it is amazing to us.
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let's celebrate and be glad today.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, 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 this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Coppola Family.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.

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.

Bible Study: There will be no Bible Study on March 28th, Maundy Thursday.

Walking in their Footsteps: A 5-day Civil Rights Learning Trip for Teens during April vacation from April 6th-11th. We will fly round trip to Atlanta, Georgia and visit sights there and drive to Birmingham, Alabama among other places. For more information or to reserve a spot, email Jolene Brant at jmbrant2023@gmail.com.

Church World Service Blanket Drive: The poem by Sherry L. Byrnes perfectly describes the difference a blanket makes in the life of the needy.

"Being alone and wishing for security, Blanket you are our comforter. Living hard, no home of our own, Blanket, you are our carpet, our towel, our tablecloth, and our cushion. Aching with fear and cold, Blanket, you are our warmth, our coat, our cover. Needing privacy, Blanket, you are our wall, our curtain, our shade. Knowing I can only take what I carry, Blanket, you are my carrier, my travel companion, my helper. Evening time, black night settles on our shoulders. Blanket, you are our shelter, our safety. Blanket, you are our lifeline." Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews. They can be put in the offering plate or sent to FCCOL c/o LBS, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme CT 06371.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special annual offering sponsored by The United Church of Christ in conjunction with the National Council of Churches. This appeal makes it possible for monies to be available for immediate help across the globe to respond to humanitarian and climate disasters. Our church has participated in this special appeal for many years, and we were recognized a few years ago as one of the most generous contributors nation-wide.

Our goal this Easter season is to raise \$10,000 for the work of OGHS. You may contribute to OGHS at any time, (put OGHS on checks memo line). Also all undesignated contributions at our Easter services will be dedicated to OGHS. Contribution envelopes will be located in the pews.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, March 25th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, March 26th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Board of Adult Education Tuesday, March 26th at 5:00 pm in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, March 27th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bell Ringers Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, March 28th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 pm in the Meeting House.

Dante's "Purgatorio" Reading, Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

Good Friday, March 29th, all day, The Meetinghouse is open for Reflection & Meditation.

Food Pantry Saturday, March 30th, 8:30-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday March 31st, 6:15 am at Griswold Point
(if you need directions, call the church).

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Childcare will be available at the 9 o'clock service.

Sunday School will not meet, but will resume on April 7th at 10 am.

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A Complete Reading of Dante's Purgatorio

Maudy Thursday | The First Congregational 
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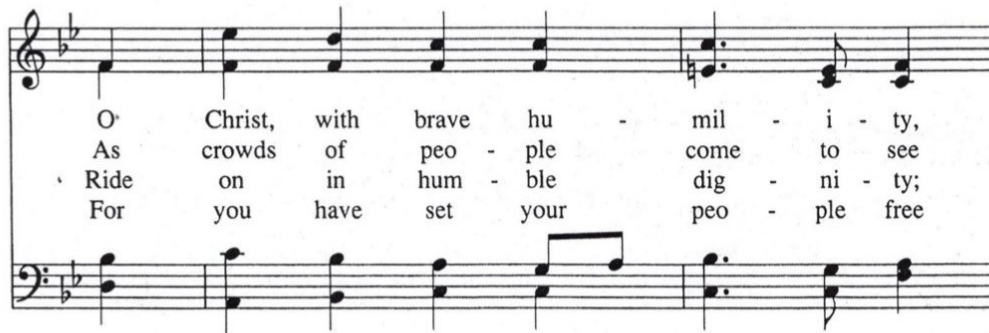
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Luke 19:36-38; Zech. 9:9

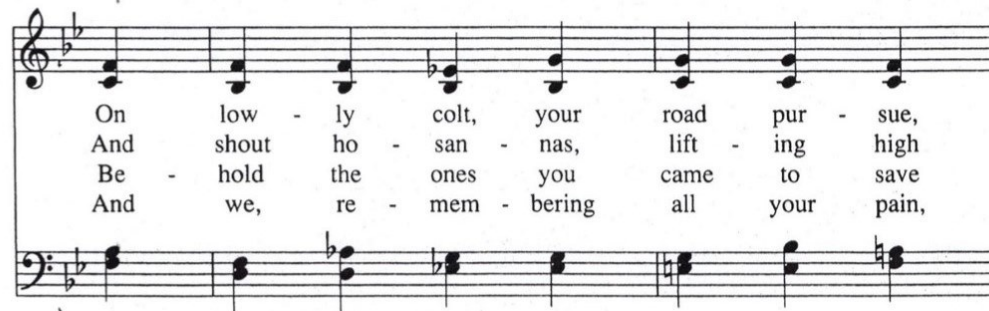
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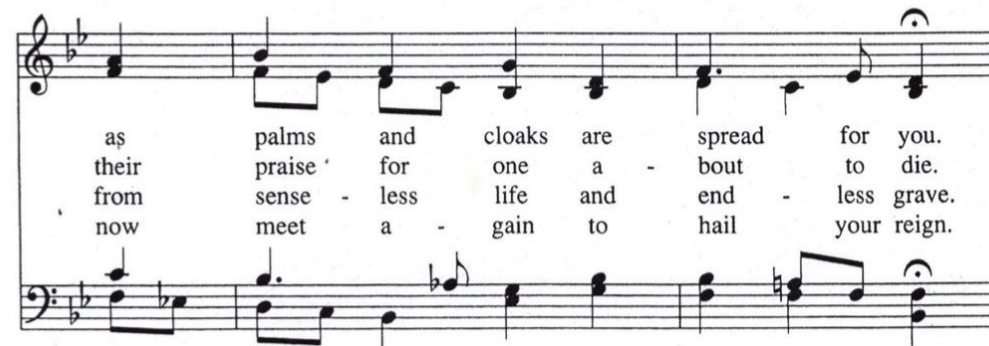
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O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,
As crowds of peo - ple come to see
Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;
For you have set your peo - ple free



On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,
And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high
Be - hold the ones you came to save
And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,



as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
their praise for one a - bout to die.
from sense - less life and end - less grave.
now meet a - gain to hail your reign.