

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Connie Bestgen **God's Singers Director**

Palm Sunday ~ April 2, 2023

** All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Jess Medlin & Megan Carlock

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Processional Hymn No. 187 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory. May we ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

The Puppets

Anthem “Go Light Your World”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Burger

O Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for the faith and courage that inspired your ride into the Holy City so long ago. May we find our place in that sacred story. Let your Word lead us to new faithfulness, to deeper love, and to bold discipleship in these days. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-11 p. 824

Second Lesson: Psalms 118:22-29 p. 531

Sermon **The Case for Christ: Making Your Status Known**
Mark 11:1-11

Hymn No. 178 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

*Response “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”

*Prayer of Dedication

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Hunter Hall,
Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan**
****Bella Fulks-confirmed at a later date***

Introduction

The Covenant

Confirmands, do you profess Jesus as the Christ and as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you wish to take upon yourself full membership in the United Church of Christ of California?

I do.

Will you continue to strive to know and do the will of God, as revealed to you in the Scriptures, in prayer, in your life experience, and through the community of faith?

I will.

Will you be loyal to this church and to the Church Universal, offering the support of your prayers, your talents, and your resources as well as the gift of your presence?

I will.

The Great Confession

"I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

~ Matthew 16:16

The Affirmation of the Parents

Will you continue to nurture these young people in their spiritual development, sharing in their joys and burdens, encouraging and challenging them on their journey?

We will.

The Affirmation of the Congregation

Do you, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, willingly and joyfully receive these fellow pilgrims as you would receive Christ? Do you offer to share with them the joys and responsibilities of membership, to continue to pray for them, to nurture them in their spiritual growth, and together with them, to strive to follow God's call to faith and service?

We do.

Prayer of the Confirmands

Blessing of the Confirmands

Welcome by the Congregation

Let us, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the United Church of Christ of California, we extend to you our Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this congregation.

Prayer

*Hymn No. 73 “We Will Glorify”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – “Bind Us Together” p.494 (sing twice)

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with
cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together in love.*

*There is only one God, There is only one King;
There is only one body, That is why we sing*

*Postlude

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Betty Cobb**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

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ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT – Sunday evening, April 16th

Potluck supper. Come any time after 5:30, eat at 6:00,
followed by entertainment and
bingo (prizes for the winners).

Bring your favorite dishes to share. Drinks and table service
provided by the Brotherhood.

LET'S HAVE A FUN FAMILY GET TOGETHER!

Congratulations to our Sunday School 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

Carole Barbour, Tony Barry, Connie Bestgen, Jay Bestgen, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Judy
Burger, Courtney Cassil, Carla Clennin, Beth Dampf, Doug Dampf, Brynna Hall, Justin
Kilmer, Tammy Kilmer, Lola McCarty, Sophie Miller and Ronda Mortenson

Please join us for Sunday School – will your name be added for 2nd quarter?

(April – June)

Underground Church

UCC Youth-grades 6 -12

April 7th-8th

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

See Beth Dampf for more information

rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

Activities Calendar: April 2, 2023 ~ April 9, 2023

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Rite of Confirmation

Monday, April 3

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School T & O Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share

Wednesday, April 5th

6:30 p.m. – Tenebrae Practice followed by Sr. Choir

All other Wednesday evening activities cancelled- NO MEAL

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Worship – Holy Communion & Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 7 Good Friday – Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. – Worship at Salem UCC

Sunday, April 9 Easter

7:00 a.m. – Worship – Holy Communion- Breakfast following

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Holy Communion

Looking Ahead.....

April 10th - Consistory meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 16th - Family Night sponsored by the Brotherhood 5:30 p.m.

April 19th - Women's Guild 1:00 p.m.

April 24th – Men's Brotherhood

<p>High School Seniors that are members of California UCC, the Kaiser Scholarship Applications were mailed out and are due in the office by April 7th!</p>

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaat Bill Schacht

Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal Judy Kilmer

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Sill, OK*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA*)

Brett Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK*)

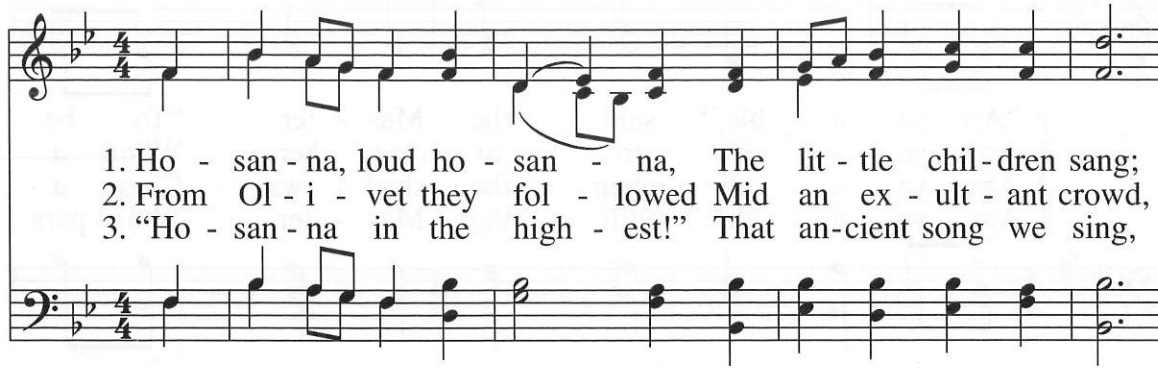
Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany*)

Sermon Notes: **The Case for Christ: Making Your Status Known**
Mark 11:1-11

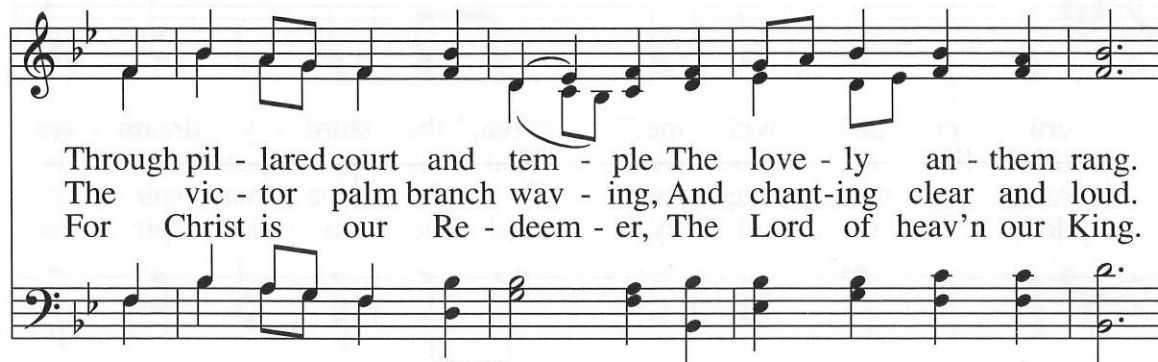
Church Offering Envelopes Are Here!!

They can be picked up in the back of the church today or
stop by the church office.

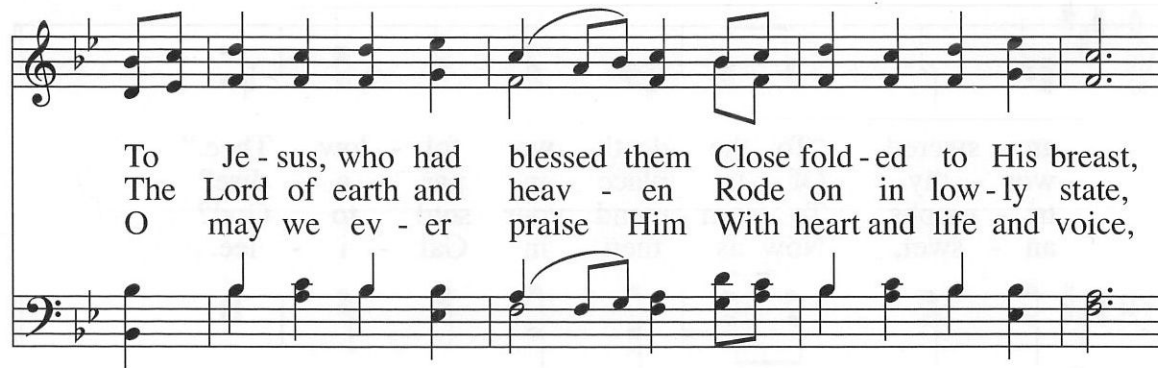
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



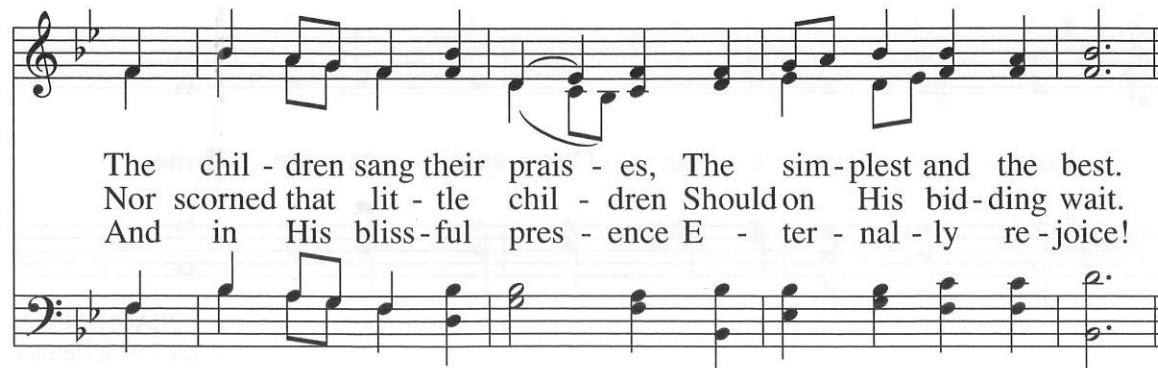
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through 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,
O 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 bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!


All Glory, Laud, and Honor



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

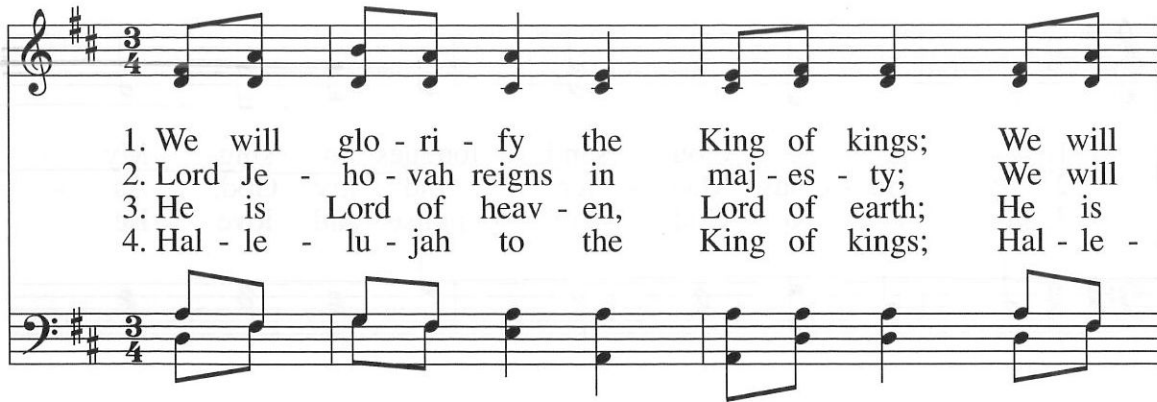


The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went; Our
To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise; To
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King, To



praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

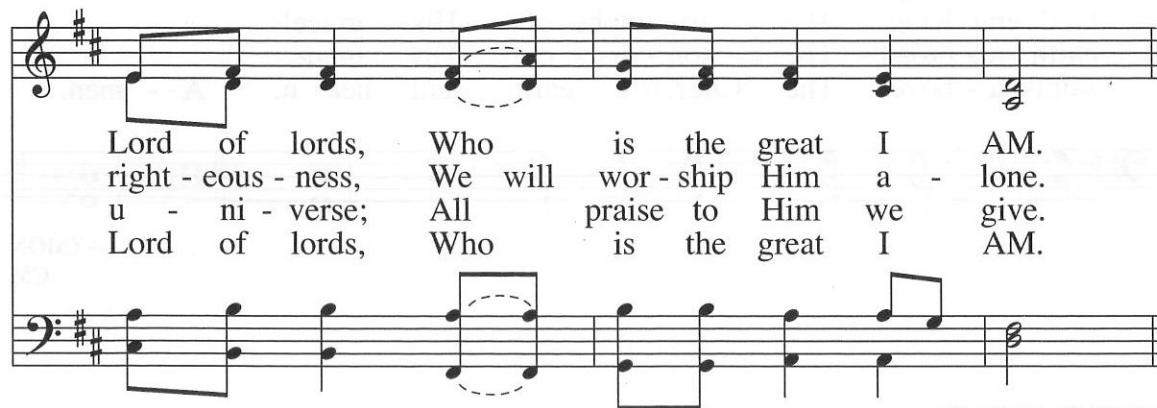
We Will Glorify



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; We will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings; Hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb. We will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore His throne. We will wor - ship Him in
Lord of all who live. He is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb. Hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
right - eous - ness, We will wor - ship Him a - lone.
u - ni - verse; All praise to Him we give.
Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.



GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE 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 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 for ever. Amen.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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