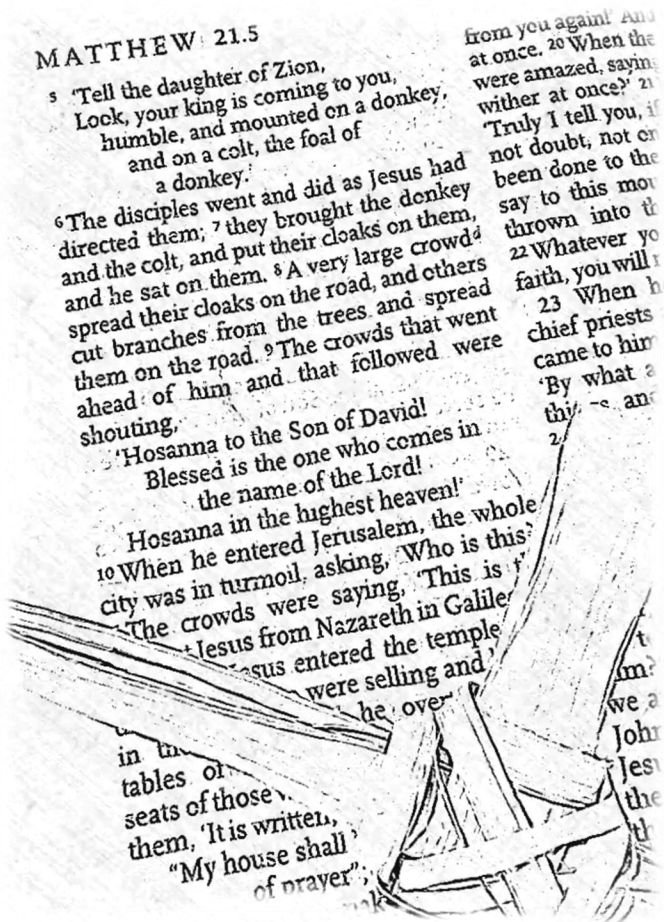


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



When Children Cry, Hosanna!

PALM SUNDAY || APRIL 2, 2023

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GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus rode down the hill into Jerusalem on a donkey and a colt. A large crowd spread their coats on the ground, others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds surrounding Jesus shouted.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Jesus entered the city and people wondered,
“Who is this?”

To which we respond:

**Jesus is the Messiah, our Redeemer King,
the Savior of the world.**

SONG

“ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”

No. 280, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1.

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.
[Refrain]

2.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

4.

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

5.

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.
[Refrain]

PRAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

REFLECT

MINI-REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 21:1-17

SONG

“PALM BRANCHES (THE PALMS)”

Music by J. Faure No. 41, *Ocean Grove Christian Songs* (1903)

1.

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay,
are strewn this day in festal preparation;
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

Chorus

Join all, and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! praise be the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

2.

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.

Chorus

3.

Sing and rejoice, O, blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation;
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

Chorus

REFLECTION

“WHEN CHILDREN CRY, HOSANNA”

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“GOD, OUR NATION FEELS THE LOSS”

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Tune by Richard Redhead, 1853 (REDHEAD 76)

1.

God our nation feels the loss
as our children pay the cost
for the violence we accept,
for the silence we have kept.
Rachel weeps for children gone;
God of love, this can't go on.

2.

Jesus, Lord, we hear you say,
“Don't turn little ones away!”
May we build a kinder land
where our children understand:
Every child here matters more
than the guns we clamor for.

3.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
send us out in Jesus' name.
May we shout and say, “Enough!”
May we build a world of love—
till the sounds of weapons cease,
till our young can grow in peace.

COMMUNE

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest...**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's
offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again...**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
**all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen**

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 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, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

RESPONSE

“PEACE BE TO THIS CONGREGATION”

Words by Charles Wesley

TUNE: PROMISE (No. 707, *The United Methodist Hymnal*)

1.

Peace be to this congregation,
peace to ev'ry soul therein,
peace, which flows from Christ's salvation,
peace, the seal of cancelled sin,
peace that speaks its heavenly Giver,
peace, to earthly minds unknown,
peace divine that lasts forever
here erect its glorious throne.

2.

Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us;
fix in all our hearts your home;
with your gracious presence cheer us;
let your sacred kingdom come;
raise to heav'n our expectation,
give our favored souls to prove
glorious and complete salvation,
in the realms of bliss above.

GO

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you find, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Good Friday April 7 7pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday April 9 6:30am Sunrise Service on the Common
10am Worship Service & Eater Egg Hunt

TODAY

New children's programming begins today during worship. This new monthly opportunity will encourage kids to learn the stories of our faith and find faith for themselves.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We have the following flowers available to decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning. A signup sheet is in the vestry. See Dawn Harlow with any questions. 8 Lilies \$20 each 4 Pansy Bowls \$17.75 each
4 Mums (2 yellow 2 purple) \$15 each

APRIL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: PASTA

The Franklin Food Pantry offers assistance to neighbors in need. *For April we will be collecting 1 lb packages of pasta for the Food Pantry.* Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday April 11 at 7pm**. We will be reading *The Dinner List* by Rebecca Serle. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on April 19 at the Chateau**, 466 King Street, Franklin. Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to restart our Sunday School ministry. We will begin by offering it once per month during worship. If there is enough interest, we will expand it to twice per month. As we make preparations, we are looking for volunteers to help teach. Are you interested in volunteering? If so, please contact Inger Anderson, Chair of the Committee on Ministry (inger1210@aol.com).