

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday



BLESSED IS THE ONE
who comes
in the name of the Lord!

PEACE *in heaven, and* **GLORY**
in the highest heaven!

+ LUKE 19:38

ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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Palm Sunday

First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education. In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God, Christian fellowship and service to others. In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.

WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

* HYMN NO. 213 *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a day of joyous welcome.

All: We welcome Christ with waving branches.

One: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise.

All: Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter.

One: This is the day that our God has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*INVOCATION

Be gracious to us, O God, as we rejoice in the this day that you have made. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the infinite possibilities available to us when we nurture relationship with you. In you we trust, in you we find a home. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "God of Great and God of Small" Natalie Sleeth

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING #327

"Jesus Loves Me"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Lehoullier

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 215

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

(O.T. p.625)

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

(N.T. p.23)

REFLECTION

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sing Hosanna to the King

Russell Nagy

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We are invited to give generously of all that we have and all that we are. Do our gifts shout good news to the world?

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts bring life-changing good news to the least, the lost and the lonely. May they contribute to restoring relationship and renewing generosity to many. May your saints be raised to new life in your steadfast love. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

* HYMN NO. 216

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

LAY READER

USHERS

GREETER(s)

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER

MUSIC DIRECTOR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST

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Members of the Congregation

Cyndi Gray and Diane Breeden

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Susan Handy

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