

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**April 5, 2020**

**Palm Sunday**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Pastor Rich and Jill Jablonski)

Rich: I will never forget you my people, says our Creator God.

**Jill: I have carved you on the palm of my hand.**

Rich: I will never forsake you, I will not leave you orphaned.

**Jill: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Amen**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Pastor Rich)

We give you thanks, Gentle One who has touched our souls. You have loved us from our first waking and have held us in joy and in grief. Stay with us, we pray, as we move through the touchstones of Holy Week. We join the procession of Life en route to Jerusalem, honoring the Christ, in Jesus, as a sign and invitation of what and who we may become. Grace us with your presence and with it the fullness of our own humanity. Help us to claim our strength and need, our awesomeness and fragile beauty, that encouraged by the truth, we might work to restore compassion and love to the human family and renew the face of the earth. Amen

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 42: 1-4 page 584 (Carl Nelke)

**HYMN** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

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 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 in majesty!  
The wing-ed squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see th'approaching sacrifice.

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 pow'r and reign.

## COMMUNITY MOMENT

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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."

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 19: 28-40 page 854 (Bruce Tease)

**MESSAGE** "Walking the Way vs. Walking Away" – Rich Fournier

## BENEDICTION

**SONG** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" - Doug Mollison

## POSTLUDE