

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday

"See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey."

Zechariah 9:9

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Fanfare for Palm Sunday" - Benton Price

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Blessed are those whose hearts lean toward God.

People: Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

Pastor: Let all who follow Christ's way celebrate..

People: Because we are never without God's presence.

Pastor: This is the day our God has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 134

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We give you thanks O 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 in route to Jerusalem, honoring the living Christ Spirit which you embody and exemplify in all you say and do, 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 our need, make us aware of our God-given awesomeness and fragile beauty. That encouraged by truth, we may work from our hearts to restore compassion and love to the human family and renew and cherish the face of the earth. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42: 1-4 page 584

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Joyful Hosanna" - Jon Paige & Brian Buda

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."

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

OFFERTORY (We request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott.)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Now the Green Blade Riseth" - French
Medieval Carol

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19: 28-40 page 854

MESSAGE "Staying the Course for which He Came" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" No. 132

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Lest I Forget Gethsemane" - W. Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

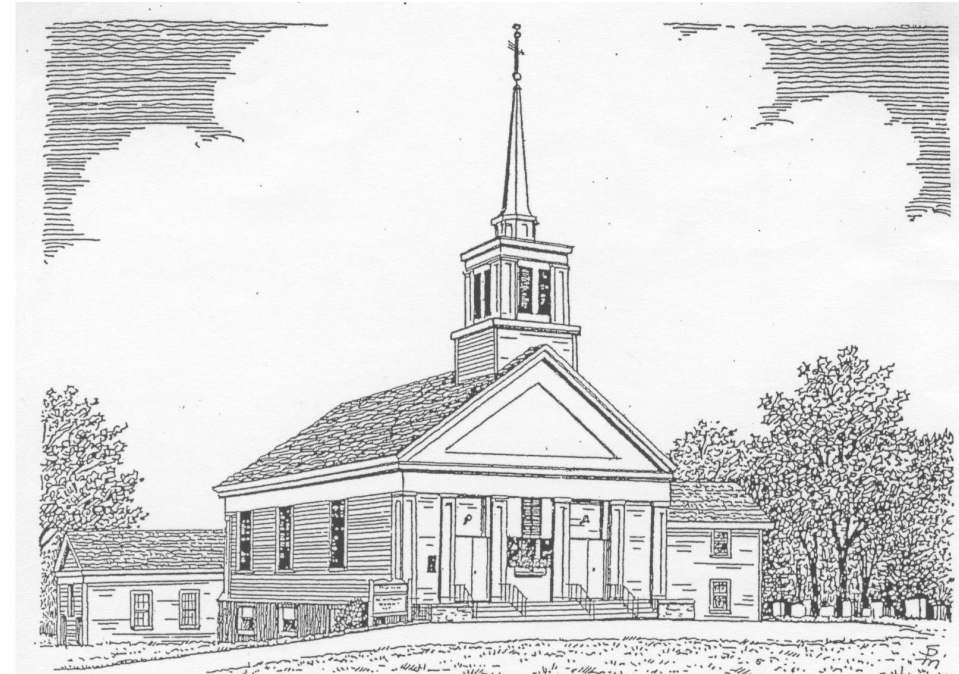
*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

Announcements

Maundy Thursday: This **Thursday evening, April 1st**, we will have a Service of Tenebrae at **7:00 P.M.** upstairs in the Sanctuary of the church, so folks can attend in person or on ZOOM. There will be readings, music, extinguishing of candles, and observance of the Last Supper. Have your bread and grape juice ready, and those of you at home may want to light a candle to extinguish.

Easter Sunday: April 4th (No Sunrise Service this year) Regular **10:30** Worship Service , both in person at the church and on ZOOM.

Flowers for Easter: We would love to have your plants and flowers to decorate the church for Easter. You will have to take responsibility for purchasing your own plants, getting them to the church between 1:00 and 3:00 Saturday afternoon, April 3rd, and picking them up after the Worship Service on Sunday, April 4th. Please be sure your plant(s) are labeled with your name. If your plant is in memory of a loved one whose name you'd like included in the Easter Sunday Worship bulletin, please be sure to contact Anita Upright with the details no later than Thursday, April 1st. 413-625-6481 or CandAupright@hotmail.com



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