



**First Church of Christ in Mansfield
(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

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PALM SUNDAY + APRIL 10, 2022

Welcome to Our Guests!

*We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church...
if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!*

Playing the Chimes and Prelude

Centering in Silence and Song

Bless the Lord

Taize

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life

Call to Worship

Open the gates!

Shout Hosanna!

Wave the branches!

Shout Hosanna!

Spread out your coats!

Shout Hosanna!

Jesus comes! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Shout Hosanna!

Greeting and Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Blessing of our Palms

Let us pray.

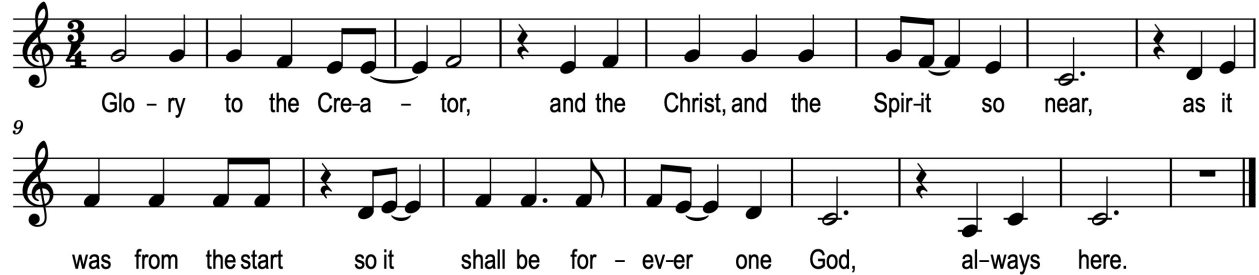
Merciful God, we confess that we have been weak and timid disciples, afraid to follow where you lead. Too often our words of praise turn to words that cut. To often our open arms of welcome become backs turned in fear. Forgive us and heal us. May your blessing rest upon us and these palm branches, that they may be reminders to us of your call

to speak words of grace and to welcome all who come in your name.
Amen.

Song of Praise

Gloria

Christopher Grundy



Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ, and the Spir-it so near, as it
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was from the start so it shall be for - ev-er one God, al-ways here.

Assurance of Pardon and Sharing Christ's Peace

Just as we are at peace with God, so let us be at peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The peace may be shared with handshake, embrace, or a non-contact gesture.

Please respect the wishes of those with whom you exchange a greeting.

Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

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Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalter

Psalm 118

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Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why

are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Reflection

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,
 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/sins/trespasses,
 as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/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.**

Musical Offering

Hosanna, Hosanna

Joseph Martin

Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to:

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Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise
 5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we give you thanks for the diverse gifts you have bestowed upon us. Bless us with your Spirit that they may be used to proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

Looking to the Cross

Luke 22:1-6

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity when no crowd was present to betray Jesus to them.

Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
We enter Holy Week in silence, with no postlude.*

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The Week Ahead...

Sunday, April 10	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Monday, April 11	10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center
Tuesday, April 12	6pm Adult Education on Zoom 7pm Prayers at the End of the Day on Facebook
Wednesday, April 13	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall First Church Hosts the Community Meal at First Baptist, Willimantic
Thursday, April 14	7pm Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 15	1pm Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 17	5:45am Easter Sunrise Worship at First Baptist Church of Mansfield 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle

Tickets for the April 29 Lasagna Dinner are available from Donna for \$15. There will be a 5pm and 6:30pm seating.

Save the Date: A **Spring Work Day** is taking place Saturday, April 30