

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Palm Sunday**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Mariena Schneider, Lay Reader

March 28, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Palms* by Jean Baptist Faure; arr. by Alvin C. Whitworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord Jesus Christ, ...over the broken glass of our world, the rumors meant to hurt, the prejudice meant to wound, the weapons meant to kill, ride on ...trampling our attempts at disaster into dust.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.

... over the distance which separates us from you, and it is such a distance, measurable in half-truths, in unkept promises, in second-best obedience, ride on ...until you touch and heal us, who feel for no one but ourselves.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.

... through the back streets and the sin bins and the sniggered-at corners of the city, where human life festers and love runs cold, ride on ...bringing hope and dignity where most send scorn and silence.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.

For you, O Christ, do care and must show us how. On our own, our ambitions rival your summons and thus threaten good faith and neglect God's people. In your company and at your side, we might yet help to bandage and heal the wounds of the world.

Ride on, ride on in majesty and take us with you. Amen.

HYMN #267 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (vs 1 & 3) (Please sing along at home)

**Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang:
to Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,**

**for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!**

INVOCATION (in unison)

Keeper of my Soul, your love is stronger than death. Your assurance is greater than my doubt. Your grace is richer than my poverty. Your courage is bolder than my fear. Your vigilance is longer than my life. In living and in dying, I entrust myself to you. I open the door of my heart to you. I open the door.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please sing along at home)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 118: 1-2; 19-29*

HYMN #268 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* (vs. 1 & 5) (Please sing along at home)

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 11: 1-11*

SERMON *Closing the Door* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J. S. Bach; Katarina Eddy, Flute

*DOXOLOGY (Please sing along at home)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God of extravagant generosity, we bring costly sacrifices to honor you. Our gifts are a measure of our devotion. May they communicate good news to the world, not as a faint whimper, but as a rousing proclamation. May they sustain the weary and witness to unbelievers. May the act of giving increase our own devotion even as it opens new possibilities for neighbors we have not yet met. Amen.

HYMN #265 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* (vs 3 & 5) (Please sing along at home)

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present:**

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

**As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!**

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Rejoicing* by Alfred V. Fedak
Our Hymn Leaders for today are Steve Kane and Janet Tenreiro

Call to Worship adapted and reprinted from Stages on the Way, Wild Goose Worship Grp; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Open Door, by Joyce Rupp; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

***Please stand if you are able.**

Thank you to our Live Stream team of Don Raw, Jr. and John Maguire

Happy Birthday

March 28 – Kim Tenreiro April 2 – Hannah Blaker
March 31 – Jennifer Maxfield & Abby Rice April 3 – Ron Krahl
April 1 – Brooke Lupton

Prayer List

Ancy (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **The King Family** (Fred Henry's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Jan Larsen** (Dawn's mother); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller**; **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Paris and Kira** (Friends of Fred Henry); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward**; **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia's mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

Calendar

Monday March 29 - Study Grp 9; 5:30 Study Grp
Tues. March 30 - Men's Group Gateway 8; Study 9
Wed. March 31 - Study 9; TOPS 10
Thurs. April 1 – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7 Live Stream
Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 Live stream; hybrid Sunday School

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