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Sunday Morning Meditation

“Christ enters not just Jerusalem, but our hearts—gently, humbly, and as King.”

Welcome

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
Liturgy of the Palms

March 29, 2026
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

Hosanna in the highest!

Praise Christ, whose love abounds with grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

Hosanna in the highest!

* *Invocation*

Christ of both celebration and sorrow, be with us in our time of worship today and in the week ahead. Help us embrace the fullness of your story, both the triumph and the tragedy. Strengthen us to proclaim blessing and hope, no matter the circumstances, that we may be children of your promise, both now and forevermore. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Mt Hope VH #100

Greenfield CH #297

Grace VH #100

Prayer for Yearning

Faithful One, we want to be as faithful to you as you are to us.

Help us sing your praises joyously and proudly, even when the jeering crowds frighten us. Walk with us in moments of celebration and times of trouble. Guide our steps, save our lives, and help us bring your message of love to the world.

Hosanna, O faithful One, hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rejoice and be glad, for God's steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

* *The Gospel Reading*

Matthew 21:1-11 NRSV

Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

TH #497

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* *Meditation Hymn* “Join All The Glorious Names”

Mt Hope VH #79

Greenfield CH #132

Grace VH #79

Today's Message

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* *Sung Response*

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

TH # 501

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

* Doxology

TH # 551

* Offertory Prayer

We give you thanks, Christ Jesus, for your goodness and your grace. Blessing the gifts and lives we offer to you, that they may bring goodness and grace to your world. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn* *“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”*

Mt Hope PH #175

Greenfield NCH #215

Grace TH #133

* *Benediction*

With songs in our heart,

We move toward the cross.

May God bless us

With strength for the journey ahead.

Go with God,

Knowing Christ is on the journey with us.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*