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Palm Sunday Thought

Jesus is still parading down the streets of our lives. He comes to the gates of our hearts as He came to the gates of Jerusalem.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20). Jesus doesn't want our hosannas. He wants our hearts. Maybe today, you will crown Him King!

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
6th Sunday in Lent/Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes.

Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

May the rivers of justice run.

Children singing, families dancing,

The elders give a shout!

Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

Even the stones cry out!

Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

May our refrain never cease.

Not by power nor by might,

But the way that makes for peace.

* *Invocation*

Hosanna to the Holy One.

Hosanna! Shouts of praise!

Come, we cry. Lord Jesus, come!

We gather in Your Name.

* *Opening Hymn*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Mt Hope VH #100

Greenfield CH #297

Grace VH #100

Prayer of Confession

Consummate Creator, Lover of Life, Giver of all that is Good,

We have forsaken our calling and abandoned your love.

We have paid lip service to life while serving the powers of death.

Violence parades through the streets of our world.

It normalizes oppression and disavows truth,
Without regard for human life.
We see it in our schools, our sanctuaries, our soil.
We find it on the borders of our nations and our neighborhoods.
In our politics.
In our pockets.
In our religion.
In our relationships,
Violence has invaded the habits of our hearts.
The time for transformation has come upon us
And found us unprepared.
Creation groans, the stones shout out.
The Church has remained silent.
Forgive us we pray.
Revive our communities.
Restore our hosannas.
Rekindle our flame for justice.
That again we may join with Creation and proclaim,
“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Assurance of Grace

Hear and receive the good news.
God has not abandoned us to the violence of this world.
The power of life that brought creation into being is with us.
The Prince of Peace has come, with grace, mercy, and forgiveness.
Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Glory be to God. Amen.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NIV

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
² Let Israel say:
“His love endures forever.”
¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

- 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
- 23 the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
- 25 LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.
- 27 The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
- With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Luke 19:28-40 NIV

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

TH #497

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn* “*All Glory, Laud and Honor*”

Mt Hope PH #155

Greenfield CH #300

Grace TH #135

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

**May these gifts be used to bring healing, wholeness, and joy
to the world God so dearly loves. Amen.**

* *Closing Hymn* “Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!”
Mt Hope PH #175 Greenfield NCH #215 Grace TH #133

* *Benediction*

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May God’s face shine
upon us. May we carry God’s peace into the world, offering the
wholeness and healing we have received. May our lives be our
Hosannas. Amen.

* *Three-Fold Amen* TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*