

The Federated Church of Orleans



Palm Sunday

*United Church of Christ
Unitarian Universalist Association*

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOR PASSION / PALM SUNDAY**

*If you are able to do so comfortably, you are invited to stand.

Words in bold print indicate unison readings

GATHERING MUSIC *We Are Gathered* tune: Nettleson
(familiar tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, lyrics by Amanda Udis-Kessler)

1. We are gathered in the Spirit though our bodies are apart,
Filled with joy and touched with wonder, separate hands but mingled hearts
Giving thanks and singing praises for the love that calls us on.
From our many different places we are gathered into one.
2. We are gathered in our sorrow. We are gathered in our fear,
In our pain and in our worry, in our anger and our tears.
As we tend to one another with our gifts and with our care,
Our community is strengthened through the faith and hope we share.
3. We are gathered in commitment to a planet that is whole.
Works of justice, acts of kindness bless the world and heal our souls.
As our voices join together, may our song of peace resound.
May we offer in abundance all the grace that we have found.

OPENING WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Jennie Valentine

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21:1 –11

WE WELCOME JESUS Mike Brink, Liturgist

One: We welcome Jesus in our midst by proclaiming, Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

*OPENING HYMN 192 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Tune: St. Theodulph
Words: From Latin by Theodulph of Orleans, c. 821
Translated by John Mason Neale, 1854; Music: Melchior Teschner (1615)

1. All glory, laud and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are a child of Israel,
Great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
Messiah, blessed One!
2. The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and, we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
3. To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness,
rule in our hearts today.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 117

He Is Lord

Words: Philippians 2:9-11; Music: Tom Fetke, 1986

He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SERVICE OF LESSONS & HYMNS: THE STORY OF THE LAST DAYS

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:11-30

*HYMN 202 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Words: Attr Bernard of Clairveaux

Music: PASSION CHORALE

Composer: Hans L. Hassler (1601); Harmonizer: Johann Sebastian Bach (1729)

1. *O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed
down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss 'til now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.*
2. *What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.*
3. *What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:31 –50

*HYMN 198 *Were You There?* African-American Spiritual

Adapted & Arranged: William Farley Smith, 1986

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:51-54

*HYMN 195

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Tune: Hamburg

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Organist

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REMINDER OF THE OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

One: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though we are many throughout the earth and this church community is scattered, we are one in Christ. In your many kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

All: Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on grace. Send your Spirit of life and love, power and

blessing upon every table where your child shelters in place, that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.

Words of Remembering

Sharing of the Elements

One: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

All: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

One: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

All: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

All: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen.

*HYMN 385 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* Tune: O Waly Waly
Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1973; Music: Traditional English Melody

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| 1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there.
to celebrate their risen friend. | he by his Cross shall lift us up. |
| 2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us
down, | 3. And after supper he washed their
feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made
complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent. |

4. No end there is! We depart in peace, in every room in our Father's house
he loves beyond our uttermost: Christ will be there as Lord and Host.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Les rameaux (The Palms)
Jean-Baptiste Fauré (1830–1914)

Organist

*Congregation invited to stand as able
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

(* indicates a friend of relative who has been diagnosed with the CoVid-19 Virus)

Shirley Smith	Connie Newell	Tom Nickerson
Boots Gibson	Carol Robinson	Linda McGowen
Glenda Downs	Laura Wogisch	Pam Stoeckert
Marion Kennedy	Vanessa Lawson	Jan Laster
Rev. Robert Richardson		Nick Muto
Mike Mahaney	* Kevin Lasit	Bea Auty
* Louisa Gould		

Paula Bruns and her family for the loss of her father, Paul Schiavone
Phyllis Calsson and her family for the loss of her sister, Patricia Palmer

WIDER CHURCH

The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle asks us to pray this week for Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

The Palms We Wave Today

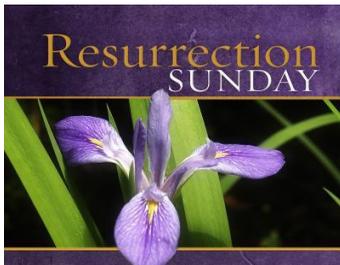
We know so clearly these days that what we do affects other people right here and far beyond our Cape communities — our Palm Sunday palms make this interconnectedness especially real this weekend! The church's purchase of Eco-Palms not only helps us as worshipers recreate the canopy of palms that greeted Jesus on his ride into Jerusalem, but also supports the palm growers and gatherers in Central America. The Eco-Palms project provides for sustainable harvesting practices and improves workers' income and living conditions, protecting people and the forests where they make their living. Hosanna!

Care for Creation Green Tip



Enjoy a daily “green hour” as a way to reduce energy use!
Try dedicating just one hour a day to being TV-free.
Or eat supper by candlelight, instead of having the
lights on. Small things add up!

**The Good Friday Ecumenical Service sponsored by Nauset
Interfaith has been CANCELLED**



2020 Resurrection Sunday Flowers

The Flower Committee reminds you that it is time once again to make a donation for the lovely "spring garden" in our sanctuary for our Resurrection Sunday Celebration Service. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones and a way of saying, "we miss you" at this special time. There can be as many as 60 or 80 persons whom we will want to remember in this way.

Will donors please fill out the form below and send it, along with a check (we suggest \$10) made payable to "The Federated Church of Orleans" and give to Kimberly in the church office. **We are still accepting orders for flowers to be displayed in the Sanctuary when we all return for the Resurrection Sunday Celebration. Date yet to be known.** Please note how many plants you would like:

Spring Flowers _____

I wish to dedicate a plant:

In Memory of _____

Print name to be listed in bulletin

In Honor of _____

Print name to be listed in bulletin

Given by _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Questions? Call Jan Brink or Louisa Allen

Would you like to assist in delivering plants to our homebound? If so, please print your name and telephone number and we will contact you. Thank you!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

The Federated Church of Orleans is an
Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

The Federated Church of Orleans Covenant

Acknowledging our long history as a covenantal church, we promise to be a faithful people committed to justice and mercy in the world around us and in our individual lives, whatever it may cost us.

We trust in God revealed in scripture and mirrored in the life of Jesus. We respond to the love and power of God's spirit alive among us, leading us into an unknown future.

We covenant to support The Federated Church of Orleans and to seek the flourishing of God's whole creation:

by gathering in worship; offering a warm, all-inclusive welcome; respecting and listening to each other; sharing in the joy of discipleship; standing with and advocating for the hurt, the hungry, and the excluded; relieving suffering and alienation where we find it; and by working toward a time of peace throughout God's world.

Ministers: The People

Senior Bridge Minister: Rev. Jennie Valentine	Minister of Music: Glenn Starner-Tate, M.M.E
Pastoral Assistant: Rev. Robert Richardson	Administrator/Financial Assistant: Kimberly Denis
Assistant Treasurer: Amy Redihan	Sexton: Pierre Denis
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Moderator: Jennifer Clark	Vice Moderator: Dallas Jones
Financial Associate: John Betz	Chair, Board of Trustees: Mary Lee Mantz
Clerk: Georgeanne Barnes	Chair, Board of Living Mission in Action: Amy Boyle
Chair, Board of Deacons: Mike Brink	Board of Spiritual Enrichment: TBD

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*** During the CoVid-19 Pandemic, the Office is open via telephone and/or email**

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

*** During The CoVid-19 Pandemic, Worship will be pre-recorded and held virtually**

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.