

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Sixth Sunday in Lent:
Palm Sunday, Into Jerusalem



April 10, 2022

9:30 am

We Practice Just Peace: doing justice, seeking peace
We are Open and Affirming: welcoming LGBTQ+ people

☪ We Listen for the Still Speaking God

We are striving to become a racial justice church

Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

*We request that you are respectful when making decisions about masking; for example, **mask while singing and when you are near small children**. If you have a tickle in your throat or you feel a bit under the weather, please wear a mask. Please inquire to people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.*

GATHERING

Prelude

"While Sheep Safely Graze"

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address or address on an attendance pad or on our sign in sheet in the narthex / entrance of the building. You may also email us at office@uccplymouth.org. We are delighted to get to know you! On 1st – 4th Sundays we have Church School. You may contact faithformation@uccplymouth.org to get more information about programming for children and families.

Introit

We invite young and young at heart to join a few leaders from our choir in the parade of the palms (they will meet in the narthex / front of the church and process in during the first hymn).

*Those who are able may stand.

*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Wayne Martin

One: Who is this riding among us?

All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of God.

All: Hosanna, God's Way shall prevail.

One: Who is this riding the animal of peace?

All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

One: Blessed be the coming days. . .

All: Hosanna, God's Way shall prevail.

One: Who is the Liberator of Israel?

All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

***Hymn**

Mantos y Ramos

NCH (black) #214

1 Man - tos y ra - mos es - par - cien - do va
2 Co - mo en la en - tra - da a Je - ru - sa - lén,
1 Filled with ex - cite - ment, all the hap - py throng
2 As in that en - trance to Je - ru - sa - lem,

el pue - blo a - le - gre de Je - ru - sa - lén. A - llá a lo
to - dos can - ta - mos a Je - sús el rey, al Cris - to
spread cloaks and branch - es on the cit - y streets. There in the
ho - san - nas we will sing to Je - sus Christ, To our Re -

le - jos se vis - lum - bra ya en un po - lli - no al Sal - va -
vi - vo que nos lla - ma hoy pa - ra se - guir - le con a -
dis - tance they be - gin to see, there on a don - key, comes the
deem - er who still calls to - day, asks us to fol - low with our

Estrillo (Refrain)

dor Je - sús. Mien - tras mil vo - ces re - sue - nan por do - quier; ho -
mor y fe. From ev - ery cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es sing
Sav - ior, Christ.
love and faith.

Passing of the Peace

We invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today. A hand-written note will work too!

Leader: God be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Unison Gathering Prayer

God of liberation, who bids us follow Christ, we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem in triumph, welcomed with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him with joy as the sovereign of our souls, knowing that his power is compassion, and its cost is the cross. Guide us through this holy week, that we may empty our hearts to live for the coming of your new community, committed to new life for all. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Creator God, so much is hidden from us and far too often we ignore your mystery of love, which always surrounds us. Soften our hearts that we may find your promise.

All: Let us find the peace of your gospel in this hour. Let us find peace so that we may carry it in all the land. Your word shows us – there is nothing, nothing here, nothing anywhere else that will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Hear our prayers:

Response Savior, When in Tears and Dust NCH (black) #185

Savior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust, When repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes, Mindful how you suffered pain that God's love in us might reign – Help us claim what we would be, hear our solemn litany.

Message for All Ages

Children and youth are welcome to come forward during the message for all ages if they like. The message for all ages will truly be intergenerational this morning so if children want to stay in the pews that is okay too!

***You are the seed that will grow a new sprout,
You're the star that will shine through the day.
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.
Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all:***

Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings Lucas 19:28-40 Nueva Versión Internacional

Psalm 31: 9-16

One: Grant us the peace of your holy word on this day, God. We pray that the meditations of our hearts and minds will be acceptable to you, for you are our rock and redeemer.

All: Amen

Special Music Antiphonal Hossana G. Alan Smith

Message “Paz en la Tierra” Rev. Sara M. Holland

***Hymn** All Glory, Laud and Honor NCH (black) #216

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. There are some handwritten annotations in the piano part, including a '1' under the first measure and an 'A' under the second measure of the first system, and a '1' under the first measure and an 'A' under the second measure of the second system.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Oh God, in your grace and mercy . . .

Response: Hear your people at prayer.

You will also be invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.**

**We believe that God is revealed in persons of all genders and sorts; we also honor tradition.

Offertory Anthem

At the Name of Jesus

Healey Willan

We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

All: Blessed is the one who leads us into Jerusalem to celebrate the hope of salvation. Blessed is the one who leads us into holy darkness, through the cross, to new life in the Spirit. Blessed is the one who comes to us as a healer, that we and all creation might be whole. May these offerings be carried with great hosannas and the gentle and strong spirit of Christ. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

PH (red) #175

1 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
3 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
4 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fierc - est strife is nigh;

Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
Look down with sad and won - dering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, thy power, and reign. A - men.

*Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude All Glory, Laud and Honor Cynthia Dobrinski

The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for friends the family and friends of Luke Bisson, who passed recently
Condolences to the family & friends of Marine Corps Colonel Robert Thomas Forte, who
recently passed

Prayers for healing Roberta Mandeville, sister of Eileen Torrey

Prayers for the people of Ukraine

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Fran Lewis

Prayers for healing for Valerie, a dear friend of Sally Jensen

Prayers for Alice Avery

Prayers for Kathy Henning's nephew, Colin Slocomb

Prayers for Sage Pirnie and her family, granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie

Prayers for Healing for Brian Paine

Prayers & Healing for Ruth Munroe and her son Andrew

Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's mother-in-law

Annie Rice, Bev Tedeschi's mother

Prayers for the Masvingo UCCZ, our partner church in Zimbabwe

Prayers for Rev. Sam Lovett

If we have removed a name or listing in error, please let us know.

If you have a prayer request, you would like Rev. Sara to include in Sunday Worship,
please email her at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org

This Week and More at PCUCC

April 11 th		Deadline to order Easter Flowers
April 24 th	9:30 AM	Rev. Ruth Martz preaching
May 15 th	9:30 AM	Rev. Renee' Rouse pulpit exchange with Rev. Holland Merrimack Association meeting
June 4 th	1:00 PM	Church 'Spiffy' Day
June 12 th	10:45 AM	Special musical offering by TJ Wheeler
June 12 th	afternoon	Merrimack Association confirmation ritual



HOLY WEEK SERVICES
PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

- April 10 – 9:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday – Parade of palms
April 14 – 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service of Shadows in the Church sanctuary
April 15 – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday - Scriptures and music in sanctuary
April 17 – 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service held on front steps/walkway of our church
Coffee to follow
9:30 a.m. - Celebration of Easter Worship. Service in-person in sanctuary & live streamed on Facebook & PCUCC website.



We will have another new member Sunday in May or June – if you are interested in becoming a part of our church family, please email Pastor Sara at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org.

Be in touch with Rev Sara if you would want to help with fellowship hour. Many hands make light work!

Did you notice that the artwork on our sanctuary walls has magically changed from winter scenes to amazing photographs of flowers? Many thanks to John Anderson for gifting the church with his photography many years ago and for being willing to hang these pictures on the sanctuary walls! And our deep appreciation to all the artists who shared their artwork with us for the winter season!

Welcome to church families! Activity bags are hanging in the Narthex and toys are made available, please ask an usher if you cannot find them. If your child needs more space during worship, please feel free to use the parlor on the sanctuary level or downstairs in our nursery and fellowship area. We have Sunday school in person, with masks on, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays of the month. Volunteers are always welcome, please contact Jennifer Byam or Julie Kelsey for more information at faithformation@uccplymouth.org.

AmazonSMILE - By choosing our church as your favorite charity, Amazon will make a donation to the charity you designate at no cost to you. Please let

Ann Thurston, Linda LaPrad or the office know if you need help setting PCUCC up as your favorite charity on AmazonSMILE.

PREPAID HANNAFORD CARDS - For every card purchased from the Finance Committee, the church receives 5% without any additional cost to you. Denominations of \$100, \$250 and \$500 are available by contacting Ann Thurston or Linda LaPrad after services on Sunday, by phone or email. Thank you for your continued support!

HOPE Fund: The HOPE Fund supports families at risk who need assistance paying for rent, heating, electricity, and medications. Please consider giving to the HOPE Fund. You can send your check to PCUCC and write HOPE Fund in the memo. If you know of someone who is in need, please put them in touch with the church office or Pastor Sara.

The Hope Fund of our church continues to touch the lives of people in the Lakes Region. This winter, we have supported a number of people who were in need of housing support or assistance with utility bills. This is a part of our Christian witness; we have deep gratitude for all of those who have contributed money and time related to the Hope Fund.

Racial Justice Exploration: We welcome new attendees, and we pray you'll reach out to Alison Thatcher at Baker.AlisonT@gmail.com or Pastor Sara if you are considering ways to get involved in these important efforts. Next meeting is on April 12th at 7 PM

Book Group: The group is currently reading a riveting piece about the Roosevelts! Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at pmartin03223@yahoo.com or Kathy Henning at henkat52@gmail.com. Next meeting is April 18th at 10 AM

Please continue to be aware of COVID-related concerns when on site. We want to encourage all community members (who are able) to get a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters. We hope that this will ensure the health and well-being of our most vulnerable community members.

We will offer the option of meeting digitally indefinitely. You may also catch our services (one week delayed) on Sunday nights on PBTv at 7:00 pm. (Local channel 1302.) Please check Constant Contact and the Facebook page for ongoing updates.

Office Hours

Tuesday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Sara is generally at the church for office hours Monday – Wednesday 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM; please reach out to make an appointment. She keeps sabbath on Friday. Please feel free to contact her by email at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org or on her work cell phone number at 336-485-5618 to set up a meeting.

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Celebrating Birthdays in March and April in our Community:

Wayne Martin	April 1 st
Sue Switaj	April 5 th
Benjamin Adams	April 12 th
Sabrina Tedeschi	April 17 th
Michael Carrier	April 25 th
Kurt Maiser Anderson	April 28 th

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month or next month that you would like listed, please email to: office@uccplymouth.org





EASTER FLOWERS

We plan to have beautiful spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 17th. A portion of your donation of \$15 (or more) will go to the HOPE Fund. Those who donate will be able to choose a plant or bouquet to take home. Please complete the Easter flower dedication information below for the bulletin.

In Celebration of In Thanksgiving for In Memory of Hope Fund Only

Your Name/s (please print and write legibly):

Phone and/or email: _____

*Make checks payable to: **PCUCC** or pay online at -
<https://www.uccplymouth.org/give>

Mail or drop checks off to the church office by **April 11th.**