

The Church of the Pilgrimage United Church of Christ



Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:00 am

Order of Worship

***Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!***

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the sacred land of the Wampanoag Nation. We honor the Herring Pond Wampanoag people, who are the original stewards of this place now known as Plymouth. May we keep the First Peoples of this land in our hearts and minds as we worship today.

PRELUDE

March

William Mathias 1934-1992

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tim

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Rev. Linda Kreil

One: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**All: This is the day that God has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**All: We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.
We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

One: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

+HYMN 178

All Glory, Laud and Honor

The youth of the church will distribute Palms during the opening hymn.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, "Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus' compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Meet us here, we pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

+GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FAMILY MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me*

Words by J. Paul Williams (based on Luke 19:38-40)

Music by Lloyd Larson

Here comes the Lord riding' on a donkey with
people waving branches and callin' him "King."
Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.
Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me.

Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him.
Children stand on tiptoe to see the King.
Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air.
The people bow and worship the promised King!
Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!"
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

Before worship, we invite parishioners to write these on cards at our entrance – so the deacons can bring them forward to be shared by the Pastor.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tim

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURAL LESSONS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Rev. Linda Kreil

Luke 19:28-40

Rev. Tim

+HYMN 179

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

SERMON

“The Stones Shout”

Rev. Tim

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

The Palms

By Jean-Baptiste Faure

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day, in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;

*Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light.*

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings for the hope to thee forever more.*

+Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him,
all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye
heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN 180 *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

+BENEDICTION Rev. Tim

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*
Paul Manz 1919-2009

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

Now that our service is over, let your service begin!

***The flowers are in loving memory of
our family; Andy Durmis on the anniversary of his passing,
and for Rick's parents, Fred and Earlene Moore.
Given by Dawn Durmis and Rick Moore.***

The Good Samaritan Fund, which assists with such expenses as rent, utility, food and health bills, is usually received on the second Sunday of the month. If you wish to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes located in the pews for that purpose.

2025 Lenten Season

April 17 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm

April 18 – Good Friday Meditation – 12:00 – 2:00pm

April 20 – Easter Sunday

Cole's Hill Sunrise Service – 5:30am

Easter Festival Service – 10:00am

Prayer List

Solace and Peace – Family and friends of Richard Kent; Family of Debbie Valiquette; Family of Hun Sook Jeffrey, step-mother of Cindy Delano; Family and friends of Nancy Selvaggi.

Healing and Comfort – Kelley DePasqua recovering from an accident; Debbie V. who has entered hospice care, friend of Debby Porter; Family of Cathy Watt's sister as they cope with mental illness and a death in the family; John Pierce Howland recovering from an auto accident, cousin of Steve Washburn; Jeanne Lane after a fall; Philip, recent heart surgery, brother of Maribeth Traer; Paul MacDonald; Jane Rachel Alves friend of Cindy Delano with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; Harry, brother-in-law of Gerry B. with advancing Parkinson's; Nancy Kern & Bob, cancer and cardiac concerns; Rose Wagner, for back and hand pain; Pam Pawlowski's sister, Carol.

Community and World – For Federal Employees in this time of uncertainty; For Peace in the World; people who live in sanctuary cities; victims and families of gun violence (mass killings); Haiti; Israel-Palestine and its victims; our nation during challenging times; places recovering from natural disasters; migrants in Plymouth and Kingston; people of Ukraine and its democracy; those traveling; working for Sustainability and Climate Change; serving on our front lines; those who are hungry, homeless, ill in body, mind and spirit, disabled, addicted, imprisoned; and all who seek hope; peace and justice in our world.

Participants

Members & Friends

*Rev. Tim Garvin-Leighton, **Pastor***

*Rev. Linda Kreil, **Worship Leader***

*Linda Butterfield, **Deacon-in-Charge***

*David Tyler, **Choir Director***

*Michael Eaton, **Organist***

*Nancy Medeiros and Dottie Foley, **Greeters***

Joanne & Denis Albers and Ann Motyka & Deb Motyka-

*Cheney, **Ushers***

*Michael Eaton, **Office Manager***

*Brian Gildea, **Sexton***

Bible Study

Tuesday, April 8th – 10:30am & 5:30pm

The passage for this coming Tuesday is:

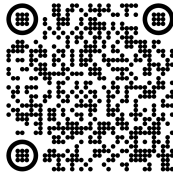
Acts 5:27-32

On The Calendar

- **April 14:** Monday Meals
- **April 15:** Bible Study, 10:30am & 5:30pm
Deacons, 7:00pm
Trustees, 7:00pm
- **April 16:** Christian Ed., 7:00pm
Choir, 7:30pm
- **April 17:** Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion, 7:00pm
- **April 18:** Good Friday – Quiet Meditation
12:00-2:00pm
- **April 20:** Sunrise Easter Service
Cole's Hill, 5:30am
Festival Easter Service, 10:00am
- **April 21:** Patriot's Day – Church office CLOSED

Online Giving

Please scan the code below with your mobile phone to go to our online giving page.



We are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

Welcome to The Church of the Pilgrimage! We hope that you enjoy our worship service. Please speak to the deacon-in-charge if you have any special needs.

Visitors' cards are available in our pews. Please place them in our collection plates during the offering. If you wish to join our church as a member, please speak to our pastor.

This service is being recorded and will be uploaded to our website at www.churchofthepilgrimage.org; Facebook at The Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC; and PAC-TV (posted on Sundays at 1:30 pm, Mondays at 2:30 pm and Thursdays at 9:30 pm)



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