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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Rob Roy Perry

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Lent began in the wilderness;
it concludes in Jerusalem.

**All: We now come near to the end of one story.
Another will soon begin.**

One: We have followed Jesus this far;
today we remember when he entered the city
that kills the prophets.

**All: And we witness, once more, that Jesus taught
and walked in love through every step of the
journey.**

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 214 “Filled With Excitement”

The Entry Into Jerusalem

(Luke 19:28-40)

NARRATOR (READER 1): ²⁸ Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem.

²⁹ Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions:

JESUS (READER 2): ³⁰ “Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. ³¹ If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’”

NARRATOR (READER 3): ³² They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. ³³ As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you doing that?”

NARRATOR (READER 1): ³⁴ They explained that the Rabbi needed it. ³⁵ Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount.

NARRATOR (READER 2): ³⁶ People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. ³⁷ As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

CROWD (CHILDREN): ³⁸ “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”

NARRATOR (READER 3): ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,

PHARISEES (ADULTS): “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

NARRATOR (READER 1): ⁴⁰ Jesus replied,

JESUS (READER 2): “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!”

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION: NCH 213**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

Lay Liturgist

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

MESSAGE:

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Blessed is He Who Comes" LeDoux

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

**Hear our prayer. O God. Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline you ear to us. And grant us your peace.**

OFFERTORY: “We Will Glorify” Twila Paris

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

We cast these gifts before you, O God, as palms were cast before Jesus long ago. We lay them on your altar in praise, thanksgiving, and joy. Receive them back from our hands, that they may become a greater blessing in your hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 215**

"Ride On! Ride on in Majesty"

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen**

***POSTLUDE: "March Triumphant" Robert W. Thygerson**

Flowers on the altar are from the funeral of Don Akridge.

PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer* Ginny Ganschinietz.

Our condolences to the family of Hap Horner. His visitation and service will be April 6

And prayers for healing: Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Eric White, Sandy Fort, Stacy Bunetic, Ethan Reiss, Gary Carr, Craig Meyer, Becky Ballard,

Shut-ins: Darleen Bax, Terry Kissel, Ardella Morris, Alice Stidham & Jacquie Mantle

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Choir Director – Nancy Eisenhauer

Liturgist – Barb Whitaker

Ushers – Janice Petroff & Barb Whitaker

Activities of the church:

Today - Refreshments served after worship.

Wednesday – 5 p.m. Church Council meets. 6 p.m.

Supper, 6:30 till 8 p.m. Lenten Study

Palm Sunday, April 14 - Pancake Breakfast 8:30-9:30

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