

Welcome to Samuel UCC
No matter where you are on life's journey,
YOU
are welcome here!

- We are **REQUIRING** everyone wear a facemask. (*Children 3 years and younger would be exempt from the mask requirement.*)
- You may move about and greet one another during “The Passing of the Peace.” As always, be respectful of other’s comfort levels regarding touching.
- The offering plate will be at each entrance to the sanctuary.
- Congregational singing of hymns is permitted for those who have been fully vaccinated.
- At this time, we will not be having a formal indoor fellowship time after church, but you are invited to talk with each other after worship in the sanctuary or outside.
- Children are invited to stay in service for Children’s Time (called “*A Story for All Ages*”) and then join Sunday School.
- Children aged 3 and under are welcome to join our staffed and vaccinated Nursery in the fellowship hall.

Sunday April 10, 2022

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

The Sixth Sunday of Lent Palm / Passion Sunday

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and hearing assistance devices are available.

**indicates all who are comfortably able, please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome & Gathering Music

Announcements

Mission Moment - *Special Easter Offering: Emmaus Homes / Every Child's Hope*

Ringling of the Bells

Opening Words

Song and Procession *“Good Enough”*

by Marcia McFee, Marsha Moors-Charles, and Chuck Bell

During the song, the children and youth will bring the flowers on the window boxes and place them on the ladder by the alter. They may take their place at the front for Children's Time.

What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?

**Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays,
mistakes we made?**

**Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet,
God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.**

A Story for All Age – *Children’s Time with Melissa Harlow*

A Retelling of the Palm Sunday Story

(Adapted from Luke 19: 28-40 and John 12:12-15)

The Palm Parade *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* #213 NCH *(black)*

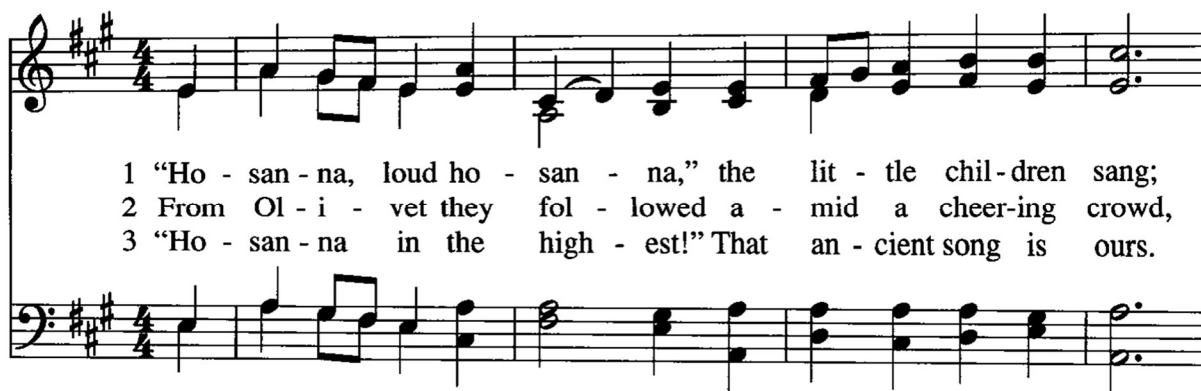
As the congregation waves their palm branches and sings this Palm Sunday hymn, the children will parade through the sanctuary with their palms and then join their Sunday School Class for the remainder of the service.

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

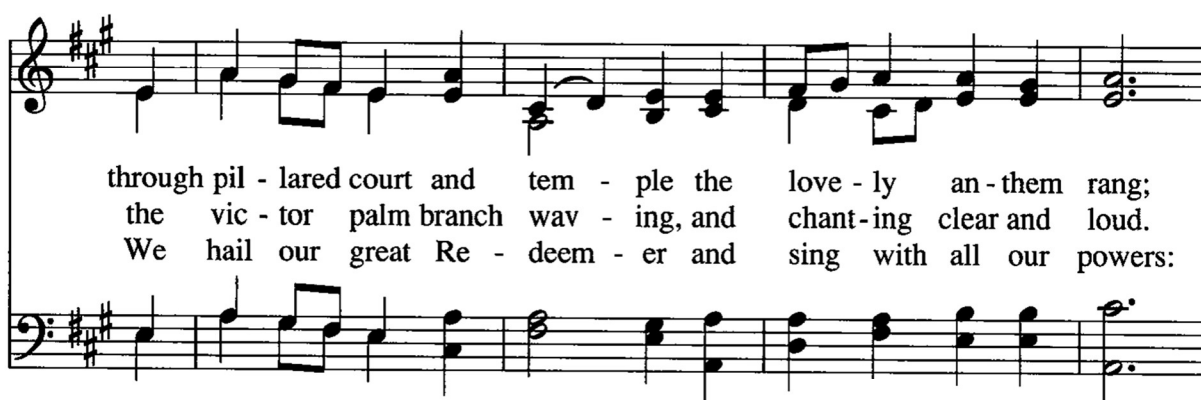
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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

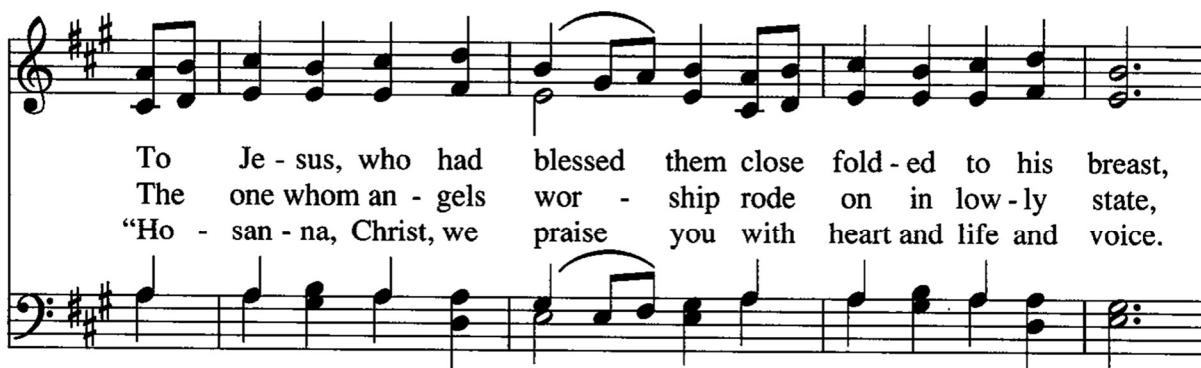
Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15



1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

***A Prayer of Transformation**

(Adapted from Worship Design Studio "Enough" Resources)

One: Let us pray together...

**All: Holy One, God of Goodness, we call out to you -
sometimes in praise - sometimes in distress - sometimes
both at once. We long to be in your house in the presence
of beloveds, binding the festal procession with branches.
Open us this day to your love in and the simple and good
enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

The Passing of the Peace

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom, we invite you to wave your hands to those around you. You may also want to unmute yourself and greet one another with the "Peace of Christ be with you." For those who are in person, we invite you to greet one another, but be attentive to those who may not want to shake hands. If someone waves that is a cue for a wave back.

Response *"Come to Me"* by Christopher Grundy

**All who are weary, all who are burdened down,
Come to me, come to me, come to me and I will give you rest.**

**My yoke is easy, my burden feels so light,
Come to me, come to me, come to me and I will give you rest.**

A Story for the Ages

The story of Holy Week moves from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to Jesus' betrayal and abandonment. Hear these words from the 22nd Chapter of The Gospel According to Luke...

Luke 22: 39-62

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests,

the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus was arrested, charged, and sentenced to death by crucifixion. Here these words from the 23rd chapter of Luke...

Luke 23: 32-43

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[m] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah?^[e] Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into^[s] your kingdom.”⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Message – *Pastor Jeff*

Special Music – *“The Via Delarosa”* *performed by Nic Valdez*

Prayers of the People

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.”

***Hymn** *“My Song is Love Unknown” #222 NCH (black)*

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Teresa Groene

Altar Flowers are placed by Jennifer Kuehnle in Memory of Faye and Bill Gillis

My Song Is Love Unknown

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Samuel Crossman, 1664; alt.

2 Cor. 5:15-19; Heb. 5:7-10

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they threw down palms and sweet - est prais - es sang.
4 What has my Sov - ereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
5 I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:

Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.
Ho - san - nas and glad psalms through streets and mar - kets rang.
Christ gave new strength to run, re - stored the gift of sight.
Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.

O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, for blood and death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?
life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.
thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.
'gainst Christ rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst Christ rise.
glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tenebrae Service Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7pm

Join us on Maundy Thursday as we gather in a traditional Tenebrae Service to remember the Last Supper and celebrate Communion together. Service will at 7pm in person or on zoom.

Parent / Guardian Egg Filling Friday, Apr 15th from 6:30-whenever:

We are having a Parent/Guardian's Night at the church. If you are like me, you might need some adult time! So, I thought Friday would be a great night to gather together, pack some of those Easter Eggs, bring some munchies, and hang out! We will have a movie going in another room for anyone that needs childcare that night.

Hiding Easter Eggs Saturday, April 16th at 9am:

Now that we have those Easter Eggs packed, we need our 6-12th graders help in hiding them!!! Samuel teens can join us at 9am to help hide eggs and cheer for the kiddos on their hunt! (I'm sure we will have a few coveted harder to find eggs for our teens as well.)

EASTER EGG HUNT!!! Saturday, April 16th at 10am:

5th grade and under are invited to grab their baskets and join us at 10am for an Easter Egg hunt! Be sure to get there a little early because the hunt will happen FAST! The little ones will hunt in the playground area and the older ones will hunt on the rest of the

church grounds. We will move indoors if the weather calls for rain.

Easter Offering benefiting ECH and Emmaus Homes

The Evangelical Children's Home on St. Charles Rock Road has a long record of offering badly needed residential and counseling services to troubled youth who have suffered severe abuse and neglect in their home environment. It provides a caring education and living environment to promote healing and establish a new course in life. It has the staff to address a variety of serious learning and emotional challenges.

Emmaus Homes provide over 350 developmentally challenged adults with faith-inspired residential, rehabilitative, and recreational programs. A wide variety of caring interactions with staff foster personal growth and responsibility, which in turn make possible both higher self-esteem and more self-care.

Director of Music Search Committee Forming

With the news of Nic Valdez's leaving his position at Samuel Church to allow more time to pursue his other professional endeavors, we are assembling a search committee who will work at writing a job description, identifying and interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation to the Consistory. If you are interested in serving on this Search Committee, please let Pastor Jeff or Tim Poor know.