

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

Prelude

“The Palms”

Faure

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Call to Worship

Pastor: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

People: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Pastor: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Pastor: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us
praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage
our path of faith.

All: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Opening Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

NCH # 216

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
the one called “God's beloved,” of flesh and yet divine,
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, receive our prayers today,
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

~ *Coming Alive in Community* ~

Call to Confession

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in
moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

“Mantos y Ramos (Filled With Excitement)”

Josh Giannini, Lead vocalist/Guitar & Chancel Choir

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~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Rose Dulaff

The Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

NCH # 213

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers;
“Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!”

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries
Phoebe Ministries is a nonprofit, multi-facility organization located in seven eastern counties affiliated with the UCC specializing in health care, housing and support services for seniors.

Offering Response

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

NCH # 188

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you,
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings,
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

Prayer of Dedication

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Hymn

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

NCH # 215

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility,
On lowly colt, your road pursue, as palms and cloaks are spread for you.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see
And shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for the one about to die.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in humble dignity;
Behold the ones you came to save from senseless life and endless grave.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your people free
And we, remembering all your pain, now meet again to hail your reign.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

"May the Sending One Defend You"

NCH # 79

Savior, an offering costly and sweet Mary of Bethany laid at your feet;
May our love's incense rise sweeter than sacrifice,
Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Daily our lives would show weakness made strong,
toilsome and gloomy ways brightened with song.
Some deeds of kindness done, some souls by patience won,
Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Some word of hope for hearts burdened with fears,
some balm of peace for eyes swollen with tears,
Some dew of mercy shed, some wayward footsteps led,
Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Thus, ever serving you, till eventide
closes the day of life, may we abide;
And when earth's labors cease, bid us depart in peace,
Savior to you, dear Savior to you.

Postlude

"Hosanna"

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Announcements

The Prayer Community asks you to join with us this week in praying for:

Mari, Christian and Connor O'Drain
Charlene Logan
Cameron Dushanko
Tracy Dise
Chris and Ted Gray

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 4/10 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary.
~ Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
Tues., 4/12 ~ Consistory at 6:30 pm
Thurs., 4/14 ~ Maundy Thursday service in Social Hall at 6 pm
Fri., 4/15 ~ Good Friday Stations of the Cross from 12 pm to 2 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 4/17 ~Eastr Dawn service at Temple Methodist church at 6:30 am.
~ Easter Worship service in the sanctuary at 9:45 am
Tues., 4/19 ~ Midday Dinner Club at Vincenzo's at noon
Thurs., 4/21 ~ Agape at 6:45 pm

Scripture Readings for April 17:

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Luke 24:1-12

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, laundry detergent. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis. Items for next month will be dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, toilet paper.

Ukrainian Relief

Every Sunday through Easter, you can make a donation for Ukrainian Relief through Shenkel. You can include your donation with your envelope or separately. Just mark your contribution as "Ukraine" and we will send those funds through the Conference also. The funds will be sent through the Conference through the Hungarian Reformed Church Aid.

Let us continue to keep the Ukrainian people in our prayers.

Mid-day Dinner club will be meeting at Vincenzo's on Tuesday, April 19 at noon. It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are attending, please add your name and phone number on the sign up sheet no later than Sunday, April 17 so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.