

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

*March 24, 2024 Eleven o'clock in the Morning*  
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*First UCC's Mission Statement*  
***"To grow in faith, love and fellowship as we serve God and all of our community."***

**Prelude**  
***Let There be Praise***  
arr. Tunney

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: Hosanna! Blessed be the one who comes in the name of God!  
**ALL: Hosanna! Let us praise our God with loud acclamation!**  
One: Let us join our voices in praise and adoration!  
**ALL: Let us sing the songs of faith and rejoice in light of our salvation**  
One: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

**†Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***  
Red Hymnal 136

**†Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: We would like to believe that we would have joined our voices with the ones in the crowd offering acclamation as Jesus entered Jerusalem on the donkey. We fear that we would have been among those who kept silent. Too often we keep quiet today. In the face of injustice we are afraid to speak out. We fear that we might be ridiculed, that others might turn on us, that we might lose our standing in the community. We stand fearful of the powers that be and so instead of doing or saying something we remain silent. Forgive us our silence and strengthen our resolve to open our eyes to see and our ears to hear and our mouths to speak, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## †Silent Reflections

(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent reflections)

### †Kyrie: *Pour Out Your Spirit*

From the sac - red wa - ters of my birth to the sac - red  
wa - ters of this hour, I have leaned up - on You who  
knit me in my moth - er's womb. O pour out Your Spir - it now.

Chords: Am, G, C, F, C, Gsus, G, C, F, C, G/B, Am, Dm7, Gsus, G, F, C

Tempo: ♩=100

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## †Our Assurance of God's Pardon

### †The Gloria Patri

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Three - in - One; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

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## A Time for All Ages

†Hymn: *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

1. A cheer - ing, chant - ing, — diz - zy — crowd had  
 2. They laid their gar - ments in the — road and  
 3. When day dimmed down to — deep - 'ning dark the  
 4. Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have

3  
 stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing — Christ as  
 spread his path with palms and vows of — last - ing  
 crowd be - gan to fade 'til — on - ly — tram - pled  
 surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, — God, as

6  
 king a - loud, waved branch - es in — the air.  
 love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.  
 leaves and bark were left from the — pa - rade.  
 this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.

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Gospel Lesson

John 12:12-16

**Leader:** This is a word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

**“Songs of Loudest Praise”**

Rev. Carol Hallman

## **†An Affirmation of Faith**

## **The UCC Statement of Faith**

**ALL:** We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servant in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** May the Spirit of God be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

## **The Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

(debts, debtors)

**Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***

Red Hymnal No. 501

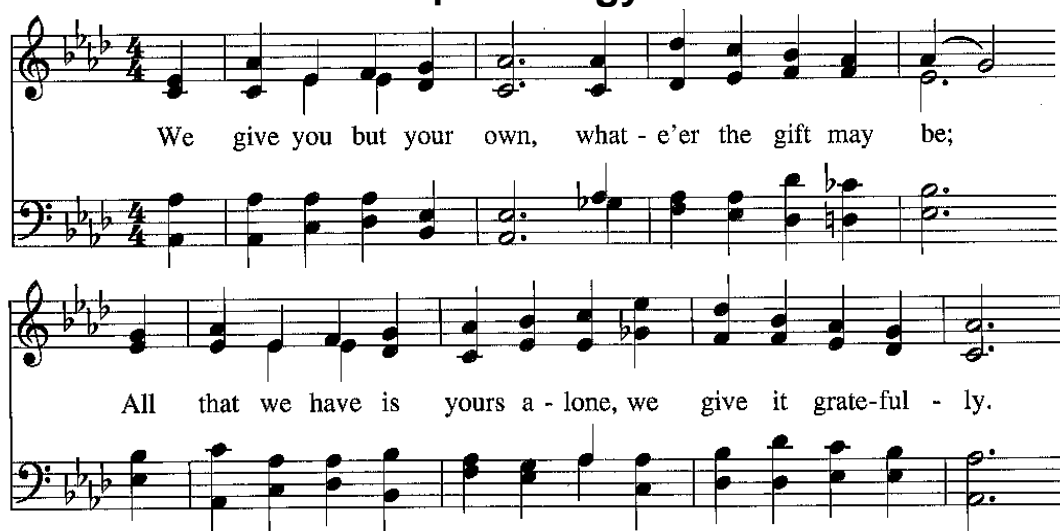
## **Invitation**

# Offertory

## *All Hail, King Jesus*

arr. Hayes

### †Doxology



We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate-ful - ly.

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### Blessing

### †Hymn: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Red Hymnal 135

### Benediction

### Postlude

### *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. Keveren

### Assisting in Worship

**Rev. Carol Hallman**, Resident Pastor

**Laurie Klaus**, Guest Pianist

**Donna Odrosky**, Lay Reader



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## Remember in Your Prayers

Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Millie Campbell, Rev. Warren Casiday, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Leigha Davenport & family (friends of Susan Ward), Betty Diehl, Stacy Erb, Roger Hogendorn (grandson on Linda Hauze), Emily Hauze (daughter-in-law of Linda Hauze), Cathy Hedrick (John Marion's sister), Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (Don Whitfield's niece and great-nephew), Rick Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's uncle), Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Dan Morgan, Pat Norris, Patsy Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Romas & Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Molly Tripp and Baby Owen Scott (Lucy Robinson's granddaughter and great-grandson), Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Eric Webster, Janette Yost, the people of Ukraine, people of Israel and Palestine. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***

### Today, Sunday, March 24

After Worship ..... Easter Egg Hunt

### Tuesday, March 26

10:30 a.m. .... Meals on Wheels Deliveries

### Thursday, March 28/Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. .... Online and In Person Maundy Thursday Worship

### Sunday, March 31/Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. .... Community Sunrise Service at Bell Tower Green

11:00 a.m. .... Worship

If you are able, please stay after Worship today for our annual ***Easter Egg Hunt*** with fun, fellowship and some light refreshments.

The online and in person Maundy Thursday service will begin at 6:30 p.m. A link to the bulletin will be published in Thursday Thoughts.

There will be a ***Community Easter Sunrise Service*** next Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. Rev. Kendra Joyner-Miller will be the speaker at the service. She serves as Chaplain at Catawba College. If you plan to attend, please bring a chair or blanket.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for ***Bible Study*** as we continue with the study of the Book of Exodus Part 1, Chapters 1-19.

We are continuing our **Lenten Series** called **Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter**. We are walking with one of Jesus most known disciples, Peter. We see in Peter a man who is a lot like us. He is both steadfast and unsteady a great friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. By walking with Peter, we see the story of Jesus through the eyes of someone a lot like us. Somebody who is trying to understand it all, sometimes successfully and sometimes not so successfully.

We invite you to share any suggestions you may have with church council, the pastor or Pastor/Parish Relations. Our Council members are Don Whitfield, Patti Marion, Donna Odrosky, Bobbie Troutman, Phyllis Little, Shirley McNeil, Greg Alcorn, Ken Clapp and Carolyn Cline. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time. ***Copies of approved monthly Council Minutes will be made available on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. They can also be emailed upon request.***

***One Great Hour of Sharing***, part of Our Church's Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received next week, Easter Sunday, March 31.