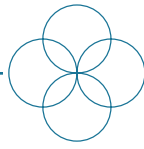


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Welcome

Processional

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Chancel Choir with Congregation

arr. Lani Smith

Choir sings First time, Congregation joins on Second and Third times:

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

Prelude

“Hosanna, Sing a Loud Hosanna”
Chancel Choir, Peter Borah–trumpet, Jack Gise–clarinet

Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Jane Petracco, Liturgist

One: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

All: Hosanna! Save us!

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

One: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he.

All: Our King enters Jerusalem as a humble servant riding on a colt as the crowds cry out!

One: This is Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of a new story for all of us!

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Black Hymnal #214

“Filled With Excitement”

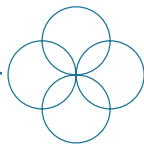
Call to Confession (*unison*)

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ’s work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Children’s Moment



Assurance of Pardon (*unison*)

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Offertory

“Hosanna”

Brooke Fraser

Laura Petracco–vocals, Max Gise–guitar, Jacob Priddy–piano

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Isaiah 50:4-7 and Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

Will You Join the Parade?

Rev. Diane Vego

Red Hymnal #156

“Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash & Jesse Reeves

Verse 1:

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Verse 2:

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus:

Jesus, Messiah; name above all names;
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

[To Chorus]

Bridge:

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.
[To Chorus]

Benediction

Postlude

“Capricho Arabe”

Francisco Tarrega

Max Gise–guitar

Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you may put it in the plate during the service or give online using this QR code:





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• Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: christchurchft.org.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



• Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

St. John UCC — 520 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue
Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus's Last Supper with his disciples and the institution of Holy Communion. It also highlights Jesus' command to love and serve others.

• Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

Highland Methodist — 314 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue
Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus. It marks the climax of Holy Week, focusing on Jesus' suffering, sacrificial death for the atonement of our sins, and the promise of ultimate resurrection.

• Creative Conversations

TODAY! Sunday, March 29

(Also April 12, and May 17)

We will meet right after the church service in the **History Room** to welcome and get to know people who are either coming back or those that are new. We look forward to seeing you there!

• Brighton Center Donations

We will be collecting **Peanut Butter** for March. Thanks to everyone for helping with this!

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Rebecca Plummer

Carol Himes

Christy Stevenson

Nancy Pinguely

Announcements

• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week — All are welcome! No need to sign up.

• Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room

Adult Discipleship

• Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)

Small group discussion.

(Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

• Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room

Book study group

• Family Game Night!

Sunday, April 26, right after the service

we're having a Play and Laugh Family Game Night. All ages are welcome! We'll share pizza for lunch and enjoy a fun time of fellowship together. We hope to see you there!

• The Green Team Needs You!

If you'd like to spend time with a great group of people who care about God's earth, please join us! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 14 at Noon** in the Conference Room.

• Many Hands Make Light Work

We need help with our Fellowship time on Sundays. If you can help, please contact **Jenny Herrmann**.

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Barb Stinnett, Suzanne Jones, Greg Vogel, Jim Rechten Jr., Maggie, Sallie Schmidt, Jeff McCall, Marcia Storm, Chris P., Mike Bizzarro, Mark Helminiak, Tim Kennedy, Jim & Barb Korpik, the family of Marcia Hosea, the family of Joyce Fehler, Laura, Jeff, Jack Emmerich, Melissa Brockman, Joe, Jed, Kelsey Morgan, Rich, Carolyn Honchell, Donna Hoffman, the family of Barb Stinnett
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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