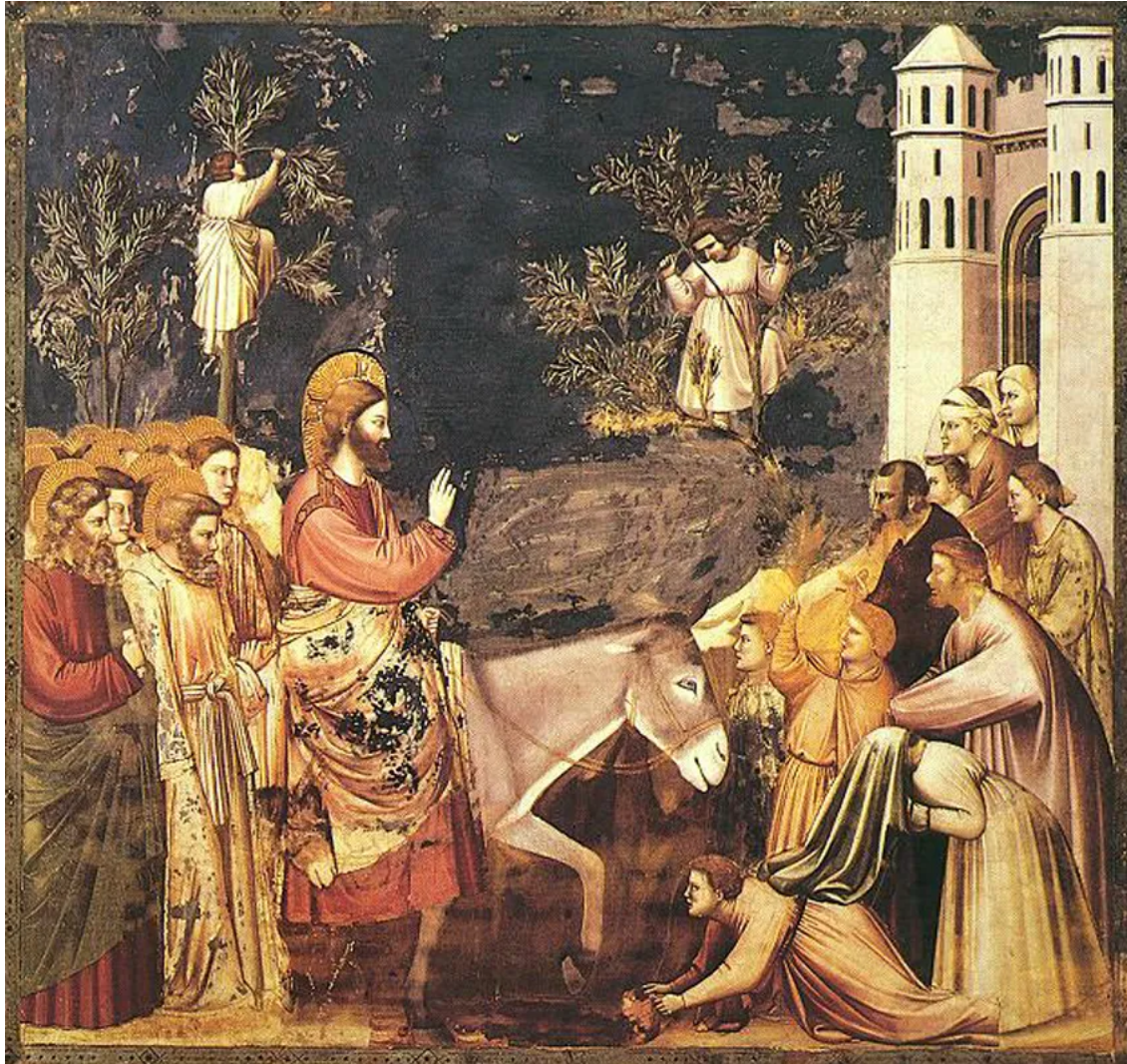


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“If these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Luke 19:40

PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op.122
Jesse Pieper, organ

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Cornet
Ken Kraut, trumpet
Jesse Pieper, organ

Henry Heron
(1725-1795)

Hosanna Processional
Chancel Choir, Jubilate Choir,
Summit Sounds, and Steeple Band

Mark Kellner
(1959-2015)

OPENING BELLS

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

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

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: The stone that the builders rejected

All: Has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 196

All Glory Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

***MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul? Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Hymn 4)**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Verse 4) GOSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Tara Church

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathryn Shorts

All: Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

p. 565 OT

ANTHEM

“Sanctus” from *Requiem*
Chancel Choir
Jesse Pieper, organ

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Translation: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God: Hosanna
in the highest.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:28-40, 45-48

p. 83 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

based on Philippians 2:5-11

All: We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself and was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERING

Ritual of Friendship: *Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem* John Rutter
 Lesley Craigie, soprano solo (b. 1945)
 Chancel Choir
 Jesse Pieper, organ
 Translation: Blessed Jesu, Lord I pray in thy mercy grant them rest.
 Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE
(Hymn 612)*We Praise You, O God* (Verse 1)

KREMSER

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ride on King Jesus
 Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan
 (1957-2003)

POSTLUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735
 Jesse Pieper, organ

J.S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are joining us in worship! Founded on Easter Sunday in 1881, First Presbyterian Church

of Greenwich embraces our mission to nurture and empower people in all stages of life to be Christ's disciples and to actively serve those in need. All children may join the Time for Young Disciples during the service and then be dismissed together for Sunday School. Nursery care is available in Room 220 for children under three.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries, Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Ken Kraut, trumpet; Lesley Craigie, soprano solo; Chancel Choir; Jubilate Choir; Summit Sounds; Steeple Band; Kathryn Shorts, reader.

Usher Team 4: Mathew Lorig (Captain), Helen Ji (Deputy), Hagar Chemali, Mitchell Etter, Jonathan Larken, Julie Lorig, Eleanor Lorig, Timmy & Brian Lorig, Judy Soto, David Zadik.

Cover Art: *Jesus enters Jerusalem*, Giotto, 14th century.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti and Sudan; St. Marc School in Haiti; Adrienne & Don Perry, Elly Schafer (mother of Renée Lux), Nancy Raker, Yvonne Williams, Cassandra Fountain and the families of John Hopley, Caroline Larken, Gil Raker, Ralph Wyman and the Benincasa family.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join interim pastor Lindley DeGarmo for a virtual Bible study of the sermon text for the upcoming Sunday on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Focus text this week: Luke 24:1-12. Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82203791684> Passcode: 408515.

COMMUNITY NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

ONLY 4 COMMUNITY NIGHTS LEFT (until fall) - April 16, 23, 30, and May 7.

Join us for COMMUNITY NIGHT with dinner-for-all from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is also invited to participate in our children's programming and music rehearsals between 5:00 p.m.

and 8:45 p.m. Childcare is provided from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for children age three and under.

*We DO NOT have our 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE this week, but instead there will be a

7:00 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE and a 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY REQUIEM, both in the sanctuary.

***JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT* – Wednesday, May 7th**

Celebrate with us for our FINAL COMMUNITY NIGHT with a DINNER THEATER PRESENTATION EXTRAVAGANZA! While you eat dinner in Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., enjoy our all-age performance of *JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT* with Liz James as the

