

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**CANTON CENTER, CT**

**April 10, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.**



## ~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*Please stand if able.*

***Bold** denotes unison response.*

### CHIMES

Karen Needham

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. **Those wishing to make an announcement** are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period.*

***Prayer request cards** may be found on the tables at the back of the church.*

***Offerings** may be placed in the marked boxes on the tables at the back of the church.*

***Nursery Room** is available in the lower level of the Parish House. Children ages Birth-3 years may visit the Nursery with a parent at any time.*

### PRELUDE

*Procession of Praise*  
Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir

Arnold Sherman

### CALL TO WORSHIP

And now it is the week we call holy;

**we tell once more the story of Christ crucified-yet-risen.**

It is the week that starts with shouts,

**that moves to tears,**

that leads through death,

**that watches for life.**

Today, Jesus enters where we are

**and touches who we are**

with life ready to give itself.

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one**

**who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One;  
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

**\*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**God of the servant Christ and our God,  
gather us now in the spirit of his life,  
that we may be a community of service and love.  
Gather us in the memory of his death,  
that we may be the people of a new covenant.  
Gather us as those who watch for his rising,  
that we may live inside the gift of new life.  
Lead us through the days of this Holy Week  
with faith that is brave and strong,  
that we may stay close to the one who is crucified yet risen,  
and who has taught us to pray together, saying:**

**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.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

*Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Musical score for "Bless the Lord, My Soul". The score is in 2/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 76. It features a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system contains the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment includes chords and bass lines. The vocal line is written in a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system; and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**PALM SUNDAY CANTATA AND READINGS**

Anthems by the Senior Choir

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| <b>Anthem</b>  | <i>The Palms</i><br>Jerry Alonzy, soloist                                 | Jean Faure     |
| <b>Reading</b> | Luke 19:28-40   |                |
| <b>Anthem</b>  | <i>Ain't No Rock Ginna Shout for Me</i><br>From "No Stone Could Hold Him" | Lloyd Larson   |
| <b>Reading</b> | "A Cheering, Chanting Dizzy Crowd"  | Thomas Troeger |
| <b>Anthem</b>  | <i>Praise the Holy Lamb of God</i><br>From "Behold the Lamb"              | Lloyd Larson   |
| <b>Reading</b> | Psalm 118, selected verses  |                |
| <b>Anthem</b>  | <i>Hosanna to the King of Israel</i><br>From "Behold the Lamb"            | Lloyd Larson   |

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

## LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

Christ our Friend, today we have entered the week we call “holy” –  
with songs and shouts, with palms and prayers:

we have cheered you as our savior, hailed you as our hero;

**forgive us tomorrow, when our enthusiasm wanes.**

Today we have turned to you and trusted you again;

**forgive us on Tuesday when we will think we can take care of ourselves.**

Today we have called you the center of our lives;

**forgive us on Wednesday when we will have forgotten.**

Today we have called out to you by name;

**forgive us on Thursday, when we pretend we’ve never met you.**

Today we have gathered and called ourselves your disciples;

**forgive us on Friday, when we will turn and run away.**

In your hour of trial, you will seek your trusted friends, and they will say,

**“We do not know him.”**

In your hour of trial, you will say, “See, my betrayer is at hand,”

**and we will pretend not to understand.**

Before Pilate you will stand, and claim a kingdom not of this world;

**and Pilate will not understand.**

The crowds will gather – like today. Pilate will give them a choice:

“Whom shall I release, the murderer Barabbas or Jesus?” And the crowds will shout,

**“Barabbas! Release Barabbas!”**

Pilate will say, “Then what shall I do with Jesus?” And the crowds will shout,

**“Crucify him!”**

“But why? What evil has he done, deserving of death?”

**“Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

And so it will be, that with cheering voices and nailed-shut hearts,

**we will crucify Love.**

And then it will be that with faithfulness from the foundations of the world,

**Sorrowed Love will await its rising.**

**\*HYMN**      *What Wondrous Love Is This*      Chalice (blue), 200  
Vss. 1, 3 & 4

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,  
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity, I'll sing on!*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**    *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Melchoir Teschner arr. Janet Linker

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*Please join us for a Palm Sunday Potluck in the Parish Hall.*

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Duty Deacons:** Casey Levine & Hugh Anderson

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Camera Operator:** Steve Byko

**Duty Trustee:** Sue Lampros/Dave Heyer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers this morning are given by Susan Lampros  
in loving memory of Carolyn Merriam, Bryant Merriam and Mickey Halczyn.*

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### Shop Scrip Today!

The Scrip table will be open briefly today during coffee hour, prior to the potluck. Stop by for any gift card needs for the next couple of weeks! There will be no Scrip table on Easter Sunday.

### April's Mission Box Collection

Missions will benefit New Hartford's **Hands of Grace's backpack program** which provides weekend meals to children who might have to fend for themselves. Hands of Grace currently supplies two of each item in a 2 gallon plastic bag to an elementary school in Winsted and one in New Hartford.

*All items should be single serving in size:*

**cereals, hot or cold - oatmeal packets, ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee meals,  
macaroni & cheese, fruit cups and juice boxes**

**64 oz juice bottles, 12-16 oz cans of coffee, and crackers**

*also are always needed for the "shopping shelves" which is separate from the backpack program.*

### Yard Goats Game ~Mark your calendars!

On **May 15th**, we'll be heading to Hartford to watch a Yard Goats game. Did you get your tickets?

*It will be a great afternoon! Come and have fun with 30 of your closest church friends.*

*Please see Linda McAllister (Wider Church Committee Chair) for more info.*

<b>April 14</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
7:30 p.m.	<i>Service of Communion and Tenebrae</i>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
12 – 3 p.m.	<i>Sanctuary open for personal meditation;</i>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
10:00 a.m.	

Sunday 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Worship 10:00 am Potluck Dinner	Senior Choir 5:00 pm ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm		<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:30 pm Handbell Choir 5:30 pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Sanctuary Open 12-3 pm	<b>Church Clean-Up</b> 9-12 pm AA 11 pm

## WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! If you are visiting today, please help us get to know you better by filling out one of the visitor cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. Questions? Please feel free to ask the pastor, or call the church office during the week.

## THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR MEMBERS

### *Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir Members in order of appearance*

Karen Needham, Gina Magennis, Cindy Webb, Allison Potter, Hugh Anderson,  
Kathy Pickrell, Donna Hammond, Martha Stansel, Allison Reder, Megan Keefe.

### *The Senior Choir Members*

Sopranos:

Donna Hammond, Megan Keefe, Marilyn Larose, Gina Magennis, Judy Robinson

Altos:

Kathleen Lundgren, Linda McAllister, Karen Needham, Kathy Pickrell, Clare Workman

Tenors:

Jerry Alonzy, Tim LeGeyt

Basses:

Art Dewey, Dan LeGeyt, Paul Stansel, Jim Todd

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