



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT**

April 13, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.



As we carry palm branches in procession, may we also carry the message of Christ's love and redemption to all those we encounter. ~Mother Teresa

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand if able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to make a brief 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.

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise

Natilie Sleeth arr. Marth Lynn Thompson

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir

(An acolyte will light the candles)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Today, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, a day of joyful celebration and hopeful anticipation.

**We come with hearts filled with praise,
ready to welcome the King of Kings.**

Let us join the jubilant procession lifting our voices with shouts of halleluiahs and wave our palms in honor of our Savior.

**Let us join the procession, not with worldly pomp,
but with hearts ready to serve. We come to worship,
to learn, and to follow Jesus, our humble Prince of Peace,
into the week ahead.**

***HYMN**

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

Pilgrim (red) #175

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

Gracious God, as we gather today, our hearts are open to Your presence. We are reminded of the crowds who welcomed Jesus with joy and praise. As we remember the shouts of 'Hosanna!' and the waving of palm branches, fill our hearts with the same delight and anticipation. Help us to see the humility of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served. May our worship today be a reflection of our desire to follow Jesus, in both His triumph and His sacrifice as we prepare for the journey of this week, leading us towards the hope of Easter. Amen.

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.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.*

(Youth are excused for church school)

OFFERING

Loving Lord, just as the crowds laid down their cloaks and branches in honor of Jesus, we lay our offerings before You today. These gifts represent our gratitude for Your love and our commitment to Your work through this church. Let us now, with grateful hearts, present our Sunday morning offerings.



OFFERTORY

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Senior Choir

Melchoir Teschner
arr. Lani Smith (Victory)

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless these offerings, and multiply them to serve those in need and to spread the message of Your kingdom. May they support ministries that bring healing, hope, and justice. As we give, may we also offer our time, talents, and service, following the example of Jesus, who gave Himself completely for us. We pray in the name of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *Joys & Concerns ~ Moment of Silence ~ Pastoral Prayer*



PALM SUNDAY CANTATA



Hosanna

Craig Courtney

What Is Your Passion

Pepper Choplin

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Benjamin Harlan

See How He Walks

Lani Smith (Victory)

Soloist: Jim Todd

And Can it Be

Dan Forest

Ensemble: Cindy Webb-flute, Jon Keefe-guitar, drums and percussion

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *Amen*

***POSTLUDE:** *Blessings and Honor* hymn tune O Quanta Qualia

Senior Choir

sopranos

Donna Hammond

Gina Magennis

Judy Robinson

Kathy Todd

altos

Gert Delin

Kathleen Lundgren

Karen Needham

Kathy Pickrell

tenors

Jerry Alonzy

Tim LeGeyt

Paul Stansel

basses

Art Dewey

Jim Todd

Ensemble: Cindy Webb-flute
Jon Keefe-guitar, drums and percussion