

March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday

For your journey this week, here is her poem “Holy Week. “By Ann Weems

Holy is the week

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...

*We move from hosannas to horror
with predictable ease*

of those who know not what they do.

*Our hosannas sung,
our palms waved,*

let us go with passion into this week.

It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.

It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord’s Anointed One,

to lavishly break our alabaster

and pour perfume out for him

without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation...

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.

Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask,

as we dip our bread in the wine,

“Is it I?”

*And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand
beneath the tree*

and watch the dying

if we are to be there

when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning

is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung;

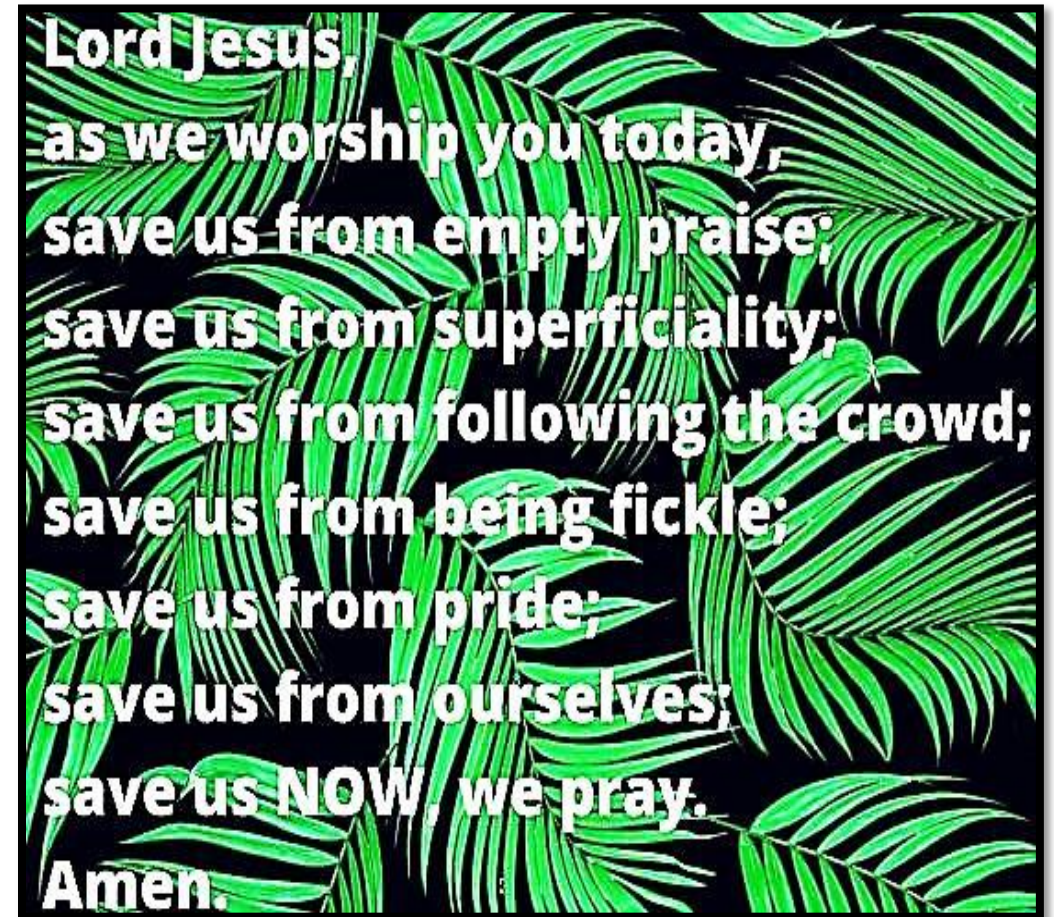
Only then will the dancing begin

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 25, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM



W e l c o m e

in Christ’s name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Procession of the Palms "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"- Steve Valvano & Youth

CALLING EACH OTHER TO WORSHIP:

L: Hosanna (*said in a whisper*)

All: Hosanna (*said in a quiet voice*)

L: Hosanna (*said in a loud voice*)

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Save us! Save us! Save us!

HOSANNA! HOSANNA! HOSANNA! JESUS IS WITH US ALWAYS

AND FOREVER! AMEN (*Shouting with joyful glee*)

Opening Hymn:

"The Palms"

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Calling God Into Our Hearts, Minds, and Spirits (Unison as in One Voice)

Come. Come O Holy One.

Come through the streets.

Come into the house.

Come to find a space beside us at the table.

Come to challenge our answers about

Why tragedy comes

Why poverty increases

Why we are afraid.

Come O Holy One.

Speak to us in the silence

With wisdom greater than ours

With love deeper than ours

With change wider than ours

Amen!

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem

"This Little Light of Mine"

Youth - Handbells

A Time for the Child In Us All (Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "What Wondrous Love is This?" #200 Chalice hymnal

We Pass Peace of Our Still Speaking and Present God

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 24, Mark 11:1-11

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What in the World Are You Doing!?"

Anthem "Behold the King"

by Joseph Martin

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using **debts** and **debtors**)

Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory: "Christ on Calvary"

by Williams & Toy

Hymn of Praise:

"The Doxology"

*** Dedication of Our Gifts, Time and Love** O Holy One, Bless these gifts So that the world may know your love Even when we are silent, Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn** "Jesus Walk This Lonely Valley"

#211 Chalice hymnal

***Benediction**

***Response**

Organ Postlude

***Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit.