

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

One United Church of Christ

Pastor.....Rev. Rebecca Hoover
Lay Pastor.....Mrs. Nancy McNabb
Director of Music.....Jeff Miller
Administrative Assistant.....Dee Constable

Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.

* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit

Gathering

Welcome & Greetings

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*Hymn “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*” Hymnal #213

*Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple*

*the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed
amid a cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship
rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children
slowed down the donkey's gait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song is ours.
We hail our great Redeemer,
and sing with all our powers.
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise You
with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna, in your presence, forever we'll rejoice.*

Confessing

Call to Reconciliation

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together,

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the

way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives.

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

Just As I Am

Music: William Bradbury, Lyric: Charlotte Elliot

D A7 D A/G
Just as I am, You will re-ceive, will wel-come,

7 Em/G G/D D D/B G/E
par-don, cleanse, re-lieve; Be-cause Your prom-ise I be-

13 D/G A D
lieve, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;
 setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;
 letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.

This is the good news, my friends:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

Amen.

Listening

Choir

“Give Me Oil In My Lamp”

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11 (CEB)

11 When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, ² saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

⁴ They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*”^[a] ¹⁰ Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Children’s Moment

*Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Hymnal #216

*All glory, laud, and honor
To You, O Christ, we sing
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
The people of the Hebrews
With palms adorned Your way
Our praise and prayer and anthems
We offer You this day*

*O Promised One of Israel,
Of David's royal line
The one called “God's beloved”
Of flesh and yet divine
To You, before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise*

*As You received their praises
Receive our prayers today
Whose justice and whose mercy
And sovereignty hold sway
All glory, laud, and honor
To You, O Christ, we sing
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!*

Special Music

“In the Garden” Christy L. Hylton, piano

Sermon

Intercessory Prayers/The Lord's Prayer (*responsively*)

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.

Sending

*Song

“*Sing Hosanna*” Contemporary Hymnal

*Coming King
Saving Lord
By Your cross
Redeeming the world
We will shout
Hosanna on high
We will praise
You will rise*

*Sing hosanna
Sing hosanna
King of kings
Lord of lords
You are God*

*Lamb of God
Sacrificed
You raised Your hands
So we might have life
So we live
Because You died
We cry out
Hosanna on high*

*Sing hosanna
Sing hosanna
King of kings*

*Lord of lords
You are God*

*Sing hosanna
Sing hosanna
King of kings
Lord of lords
You are God*

*Raise your hands
Raise your hands
Raise your hands*

*Sing hosanna
Sing hosanna
King of kings
Lord of lords
You are God*

*Sing hosanna
Sing hosanna
King of kings
Lord of lords
You are God*

*King of kings
Lord of lords
You are God*

*King of kings
Lord of lords
You are God*

Commission & Benediction

Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.
Therefore go out into the world
and love the Lord your God
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,
and love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;
May Christ Jesus set you free for love;
and may the Holy Spirit go where you go
.....and protect you on your way.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
...**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Our greeters for today are: Christy Hylton and Robin West.

Copyright Information for Today's Service:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” – Lyric: Jennette Threlfall; Music:
German melody - author unknown

“Give Me Oil In My Lamp” – author unknown

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” - Music by Melchior Teschner; Lyric
by Theodulph of Orleans (9th Century), translated by John Mason
Neale

"In the Garden" Music by C. Austin Miles, Arranged by James
Michael Stevens

“Sing Hosanna” – by Joshua Blakesley

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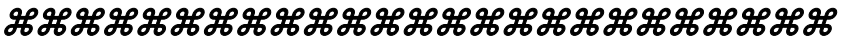
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Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!

Please check our website (www.oneucc.org), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0Auo1lgEn7vahQ?view_as=subscriber



Dee's office hours: are usually Mon, Wed, Thurs 12:30 – 3:30 pm but if there are changes for the next week, the new hours will be listed.

Pastor Becky office hours: only on Sundays 9 am - noon.

Nancy McNabb office hours: Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure no one's schedule has changed.

In case you need the contact information:

- We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!
- Pastor Becky's Contact Info:
610-621-2891, home phone
301-471-3185, cell phone/texting
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- Nancy McNabb's Contact Info:
484-269-2374
lady10-12@comcast.net
- Dee Constable's Contact Info:
oneucckenhorst@gmail.com or 610-777-5211

The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:

Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Vicky Hatzas, Judy Hertzog and family, Joy Himmelmann, Brenda Hoffer, Nate Hosler, Matthew Hoyer, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Rosie, Ray Saylor and family, Bobbilyn and Robert Schadler, Diane Smith, Caitlyn Sine, Terry and Faith Sinsich, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Steve Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Holly Wood, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel

Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC

**Final Lenten Soup Lunch—
Sunday, March 24
Please join us after worship.**



Last day to order your Easter flowers!

Tulips---Red or Pink or Purple

Lilies

\$11.00/each

Deadline to order March 24

Sign-up sheet outside of the sanctuary



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 am

March 28 – Maundy Thursday – 6 pm

March 29 – Good Friday – 7 pm

March 31 – Easter Sunday – 10:30 am

The next Eat-Pray-Meet gathering will be on **Sunday, April 14th** following worship. At our Annual Congregational Meeting, we decided to make our Eat-Pray-Meet meals be themed potlucks some months. The theme for April is charcuterie! Please sign up to bring something by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8AC2FABFAC34-48607033-april>



You can bring anything from a cut up pepper to a box of crackers to that impulse purchase at the grocery store you want to try but can't

justify eating all yourself. If you want to bring something but can't figure out how to sign-up online or don't have online access, please contact Pastor Becky (email, text, call, etc...), and she will sign you up. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April!

Upcoming...



Everybody's Birthday Party!!

Sunday, **April 28** following worship
Join us for lunch, fun & games, cake & ice cream!

Tickets \$5.00 (children under 3 are free)
See Judy Spencer to get your tickets!

Deadline to buy your tickets: April 21

Just a reminder...

If you are sick or feeling unwell, we kindly ask you to worship from home. Our services continue to be livestreamed and available on our YouTube Channel.

One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid! Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories in good and sellable condition at church. These items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get



credit for your donation. **Our partner number is 50161.** For more information about CommunityAid and the types of donations they accept, please visit www.communityaid.org.



Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 1st grade students who need extra support with reading at Mifflin Park Elementary on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour from January through mid-May. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.



Would you like to be more involved in the worship life of our congregation? Pastor Becky is working to **reestablish liturgists** who help weekly in leading worship. Liturgists assist with leading different parts of our worship service. Training and all materials for worship are provided. If you have served as a liturgist in the past, Pastor Becky will be checking in with you. If you would like to be a liturgist, please let Pastor Becky know.

The Little Food Pantry is getting a lot of use! Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated.





****We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and help our donors as we move**



forward, please use this link:

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc>

You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund."

We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



****Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir?**

Or want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email (jeff@simonapple.com). For now, rehearsals are as

needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional, after Sunday service, for about 15 minutes. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 or 7pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-key, no pressure, and flexible to accommodate everyone's schedule. Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.



Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to “Planet Green Recycling.” The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church’s Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself. Thank you so much for your support!!!



CHURCH CALENDAR: Mar. 24 – Mar. 31, 2024

Sunday (3/24) Palm Sunday

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday (3/26)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday (3/27)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday (3/28) Maundy Thursday

9:00 am C, D & B Senior Group

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner Followed by Worship

Friday (3/29) Good Friday

7:00 pm Worship Service

Saturday (3/30)


6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday (3/31) Easter Sunday

10:30 am Worship-Communion

**Note: if you have an event or meeting that is scheduled at the church, please let the church office know (oneucckenhorst@gmail or 610-777-5211) so that it can go on the calendar for the bulletin. Thank you!*

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday

March 24

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and
livestreamed at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday

March 28

Potluck meal with a communion service
around the tables in the fellowship hall.
The meal starts at 6 pm

Good Friday

March 29

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and
livestreamed at 7 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31

Worship in the Sanctuary and
livestreamed at 10:30 am

Holy Humor Sunday

April 7

Worship in the Sanctuary and
livestreamed at 10:30 am
