

Into Jerusalem

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.



**F**or Children: Please feel free to attend services with your children. For the safety of the children, staff and volunteers ERUCC will not be providing childcare during services until further notice. Your children are welcome to bring their own quiet activities, no materials will be provided. Please take ALL personal items with you after the service.

**W**e have removed all items from the pew racks for your safety. Music selections will be provided within this bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary, Thank you.

**W**e ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org)

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# EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m.

### *Service of Palms*

#### Greetings and Announcements

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Praise be to God!**

#### \*Opening Prayer

Christ is with us.

**Christ is in our midst.**

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.**

#### \*Gospel Lesson for Palm Sunday

Mark 11: 1-11

#### \*Blessing of the Palms

#### \*Hymn of Adoration *The Palms*

- J. B. Fauré

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay

Are strewn this day in festal preparation,

Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,

E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;

**CHORUS:**      Join all and sing, His name declare,  
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth, and people by its might  
Once more regain freedom from degradation.  
Humanity doth give to each his right,  
While those in darkness are restored to light.

### **CHORUS**

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,  
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,  
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

### **CHORUS**

## **Thought For the Day**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, for ever. Amen.**

**Anthem** *Ride On, King Jesus*

*P. Kern  
ERUCC Singers*

**The Scripture**                      Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## **SERVICE OF THE PASSION**

**The Gospel Lesson: Christ's Passion According to Mark (see insert)**

### **\*Confession of Sin**

Friends in Christ, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sin, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us pray.

**O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God; in Jesus Christ the man of Nazareth you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. We praise you in Jesus. But we fail to follow you in Jesus. We are quick to join the crowd, pick up our palms, and proclaim Jesus as Lord. But we are slow to join Jesus in his isolation, pick, up our cross, and follow him where he lays his life down for the lonely, the outcast, and the ones whom the crowd call, “Sinners.” We praise you with our lips, but our hearts and hands deny you. We glorify you with our voices, but our actions betray you into the hands of violence. Forgive us, gracious God, and grant us courage to join Jesus in both his victory and passion for the sake of the world that you created in love and redeemed in eternal life. Amen.**

**The Kyrie (sung responsively) - No. 750**

*“ ...Lord, have mercy upon us...Christ, have mercy upon us.  
...Lord, have mercy upon us.”*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn for Holy Week *Were You There***

*# 229  
Stanza 1*

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



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You can get to the link on our homepage at [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org)

**The flowers on the altar this morning** are given by Andy and Kathy Johnston in honor of Amy Aguilar, Office Administrator.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Sandra Trout.

**Worship Next Week: April 4 Easter Sunday**

*Mark 11:1-11 "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

This week marks the beginning of the week when we tell the story that is central to our faith. It begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and continues with his arrest, trial, and death. Next comes the Resurrection. We will hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we read from Mark 11: 1-11 and then of his passion as we read from Mark 14 and 15.

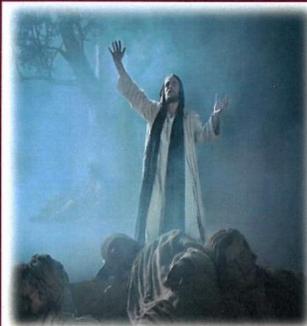
**Easter Cross Decorating: Calling All Flowers!**

Our yards are just now seeing the emerging leaves of spring bulbs (with early risers like Aconites and Snow drops already up and at 'em!), heralding the coming of spring, Easter, and the promise of new life. Easter takes place Sunday, April 4, and in keeping with ERUCC's tradition will include a flower-bedecked cross that we will use to help celebrate Christ's joyous resurrection at the 10:30 am service before placing it on our front steps for our Frederick neighbors to enjoy.

**On Saturday, April 3, between 10 am and 12 noon we will be accepting donations of cut flowers for use in decorating the cross.** To make it easier, we will set up the receiving station at the elevator at the rear of the church. Please drive in the Church Street driveway, drop off your flowers to the attendant standing at the elevator door, and exit onto West Second Street. No appointment to come at a specific time is needed. If you live in an apartment/condo or have a shady yard that is not conducive to bulbs, we welcome getting bunches of cut flowers available at local grocery stores and other markets. And, since every spring bulb color works together, please bring flowers with a color that flicks your Bic and help us adorn the 2021 Easter Cross. Thanks

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## A Vision for the Future – Helping Our Neighbors Who Need Shelter

A permanent shelter in Frederick that serves twice as many families in need of shelter? This dream is becoming a reality with the Religious Coalition's purchase and renovation of the building pictured above.

After years of hosting families, we have the opportunity to help in new ways. At our December congregational meeting, we voted to meet the challenge to fund a counseling room at the new facility. With \$7,500 seed money, we believe we can meet our goal of \$25,000 over the next three years.

We start 2021 with a challenge gift, a match of \$2,000 giving by the congregation! If we meet this challenge, we will have a strong start to this campaign!

If you wish to make a gift towards this exciting project, you can give online at [erucc.org](http://erucc.org) or send a check made to ERUCC. Please indicate that your gift is for the family shelter.



\$7,500

\$25,000

BEYOND SHELTER CAMPAIGN

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

Mark 14:1-15:47

### Into Jerusalem

Imagine you were there that day.

Today, the day is known as Palm Sunday and we celebrate mostly sedately, with children waving palm leaves and songs of joy.

But it would not have been so that first day. On that first day of the first holy week, it was dusty and noisy, crowded and chaotic. On that day, Jesus riding the donkey into Jerusalem was just one more distraction and delight, a spectacle for a city in a festival mood. On that day, no one but Jesus could imagine the week that was to come, with its loyalties and betrayals, politics and pieties, losses and griefs. No one could have anticipated that the week would end in death and in resurrection.

What would it be like to enter the city again, as they did that first day so long ago? What would it be like to come to this day with no knowledge, no expectation of how this week would end? Each year, we are invited to re-enact the events of this week. Not as a tired recitation of a story whose ending is already known, but as living and breathing people, ready to experience each day anew.

Many faith communities will worship together several times this week. Even if your community does not gather for all these days, how can you mark each day this week?

You can find guides and resources to creating fresh and imaginative worship this Holy Week, and every week, at: [https://www.ucc.org/worship\\_worship-ways](https://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways)

**Palm Sunday:** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

**Maundy Thursday:** Jesus' last supper with his disciples

**Good Friday:** A day of mourning

**Easter Vigil:** Keep awake through the night in prayer, grieving and anticipation

**Easter:** Resurrection Day



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