



10:30 AM  PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

# WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer  
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.  
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate  
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

## *Plymouth UCC Purpose*

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

## PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.



Thank you for worshipping online with us today. Please like and send us a greeting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



**The church office will be closed during concerns about the coronavirus.**

**The church building is closed for all activities until further notice.**

**Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020  
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.  
The quiet of this place is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.  
Thank you for entering this place, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

**WELCOME** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown  
On Sunday, April 5, Palm and Passion Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our online interactive worship.

Before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread, a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread and juice of some sort. Let it be something you alone or you with others in your house may break and share. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice.

Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. You are invited to light a candle or place a flower or plant or something meaningful into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup. Thank you for your preparation.

**PRELUDE** . . . . . *Clair de Lune* . . . . . Claude Debussy  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Rev. Donene Blair

One        The Lord be with you!

**All:        And also with you!**

One:        Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**All:        We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our help.**

One:        The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All:        This is God’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One:        This is the day that the Lord has made;

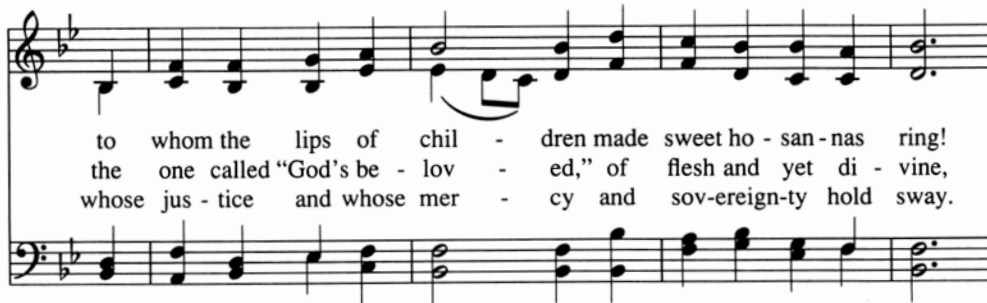
**All:        We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN** . . . . . *All Glory, Laud and Honor* . . . . . **ST. THEODULPH**

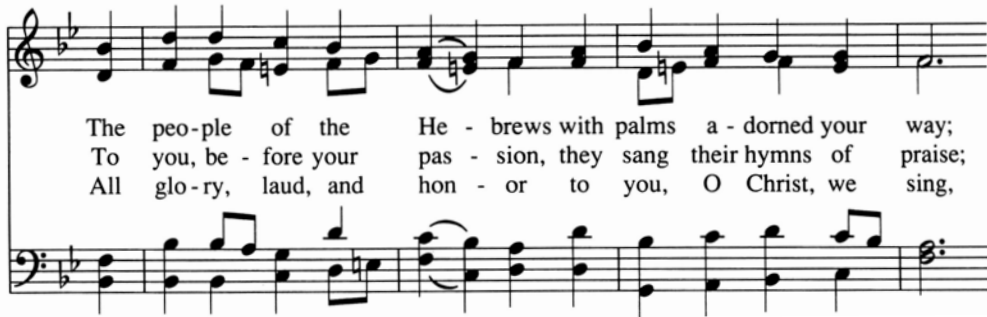
*During the opening hymn, you are invited to wave your palm postcards sent to you this week. If you don't have a card, wave a scarf or something colorful to join the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*



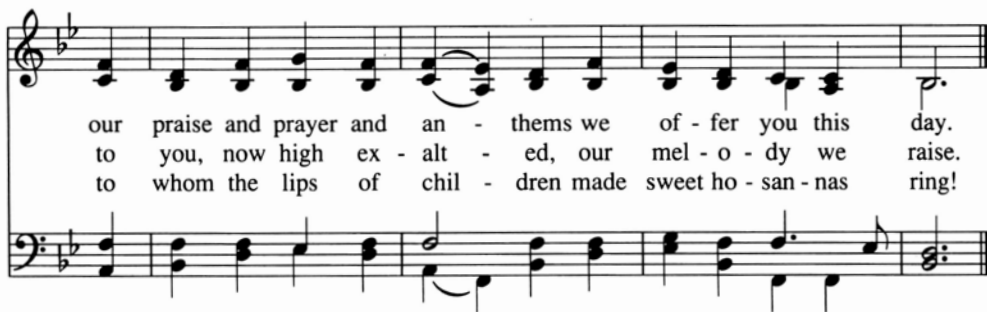
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,  
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,  
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.



The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;  
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,



our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . . Dr. Brown**



*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*

**INVITATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**CONSECRATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Ron Altier, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Anna Colwell, Steve Davis, Pam Dorrance, Ellie Edelweiss, Blake & Jo Ann English (Relatives of Lucian Guthrie), Jackie Fouts (Mother-in-law of Al Wallace), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Lucian Guthrie, the Guthrie Family, Don Gwilym, Deborah Hawkins (friend of Toni Arthur), Michael Kaid, Libonati Family, Maclay Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), The family of Greg Mimnaugh, Uncle of Mike Pierson, Jo Mitchell, Georgia Nelson, Taylor Patt, Joshua and Ezra (family of Glenda Carper), Dick, Jean and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul Russell), Jim Perry, Dorothy Price (“Big”), Jose Robles, Mary Ryan, Rod Shutt, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Jim Tsuchiya (Brother-in-law of Bill Castello), Evelyn Wong*  
*Our hearts are with Doris Schaefer and family on the recent death of her husband, Bob.*

 A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord’s Prayer. 

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Holy One, 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.**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . . . Let Us Break Bread Together**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . .Dr. Brown

**Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen**

INVITATION TO SHARE . . . . . Rev. Steven Davis

God tells us over and over not to be afraid. This isn't because God is unaware of suffering and difficult circumstances, but because God in Jesus is with us. Our gifts this morning are one way that we trust God even in a world soaked in tears. We are not on our own. Let us give with the peace that a graceful dependence on God will make a difference in our lives and in the world.

*Gifts received today will be divided evenly bewteen One Great Hour of Sharing and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.*

**Ways to Give** You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and click on the “Give” box, *or* text to give: Simply text the amount you’d like to give (i.e. 10.00) to Plymouth UCC’s mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions? Contact Diane, [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

OFFERING MUSIC

*Tis the Gift to Be Simple* . . . . . Setting by Michael Larkin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) . . . . .Rev. Davis

**The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. We honor you today, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our hope. Amen.**

CONTEMPORARY VOICE . . . . .read by Mona Terry

*And for no Reason, by Hafiz*

And  
For no reason  
I start skipping like a child.

And  
For no reason  
I turn into a leaf  
That is carried so high  
I kiss the Sun's mouth  
And dissolve.

And  
For no reason  
A thousand birds  
Choose my head for a conference table,  
Start passing their  
Cups of wine  
And their wild songbooks all around.

And  
For every reason in existence  
I begin to eternally,  
To eternally laugh and love!  
When I turn into a leaf  
And start dancing,  
I run to kiss our beautiful Friend  
And I dissolve in the Truth  
That I Am.



*Hafiz was a 14th century Persian poet who lauded the joys of love and wine and targeted hypocrisy.*

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW . . . . . Matthew 21:1-11  
read by Hayden McManus

(NRSV translation) *This coming of Christ was described by the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9). When Christ would appear in glory, it is in meekness, not in majesty, in mercy to work salvation.*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

#### MESSAGE

*Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear, Pacific Northwest Conference UCC Minister for Church Vitality*

#### OUR JOURNEY TO THE PASSION . . . . .Jennifer Castle

One: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in  
Jerusalem.

**All: We now come near to the end of one story.  
Another will soon begin.**

One: We have followed Jesus this far; today we  
remember how he faced betrayal, falseness,  
rejection, and torment.

**All: And we witness, once more, that he taught  
and walked in love through every step of  
the journey. May we do the same.**



**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** ..... read by Anna Colwell

*In Medias Res*, by Paul Hooker

You who enter the city in the midst of things,  
come to find a place to love and die,  
though we are busy keeping feasts, keeping kosher  
keeping our heads down, keeping a low profile  
ducked behind stone walls of practiced custom  
where no hope or change or grace can reach us.  
You who come to upset our assumptions  
take away the illusion that we are the center of things  
that we can cushion the stumbling stones in our paths  
with pretentious fronds and conceited cloaks  
though we cry Save us, Save us  
without acknowledging that we need saving.  
You who come to tear down temples  
overturn the tables of our sacred things  
scatter the coinage of our sacerdotal commerce  
release the doves we sacrifice to self deception  
though we apprehend you without understanding  
and install you in the harsher sanctuary of our  
stony hill.  
You who dwell in the midst of things:  
for a moment, for an instant, for a heartbeat  
slow the processional of things  
still the noise of things  
until we hear the one thing whispered  
in the silence of the stones.



*Paul Hooker is Associate Dean for Ministerial Formation and Advanced Studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is the author of several books and articles in the field of biblical studies.*

HYMN . . . . . *What Wondrous Love is This.* . . . . WONDROUS LOVE

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my  
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION . . . . .**Rev. Stange-Tregear

**POSTLUDE**

*What Wondrous Love Is This . . . . .* Setting by Michael Larkin  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths

Special thanks to Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear, our guest preacher today. Rev. Stange-Tregear lived in seven states and three countries. She moved to Seattle in 2016 to become Minister for Church Vitality in the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ. Her ministry has been formed by a classical education and community organizing. She brings a vision of vitality that bridges the secular and sacred, church and community. Courtney enjoys sitting on the beach, lively discussions and Crossfit.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Stewardship 2020: And Still, We Rise** You have received or will soon be receiving your 2020 Pledge Card information by mail with instructions for how you can join the Plymouth Church UCC family and friends in expressing your desire to support our ongoing ministry that reaches far beyond our physical building into our community. you can most easily respond by going to [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and locate the green “GIVE” box at the bottom of the home page. You can securely enter your information for a recurring gift or other one-time gifts. You can also mail back your card. We are happy to assist you with any questions or needs in making your pledge. Contact [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or [SDavis@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:SDavis@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and we will give you a return phone call to help you.

**Help Plymouth Healing Communities** PHC can certainly use financial support to purchase and deliver food as needed and to do so for toilet paper, as well. If you are interested in contributing to PHC’s COVID-19 Resource Fund Drive, you can go to PHC’s website, [Plyhc.org](http://Plyhc.org). Thanks to all who feel able to do this. Giving online in this time is the fastest and most effective way for people to contribute to PHC financially.

**Soul Choir** is meeting online at 9am on Sundays, preparing for an Easter anthem. All are welcome to join in on Zoom meeting ID 253-074-414

**Ukulele Club** continues to meet online at 2:30 on Tuesdays! Join in on Zoom at meeting ID 909-859-698



Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,  
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,  
of varied social and economic conditions  
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,  
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.