

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Ellsworth, Maine



Founded in 1812

*Come with hope or despair,
expectation, or disappointment, and
seek God even as God seeks you.*

We are happy to welcome our pulpit supply this morning Matt McDonald

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24, 2024

10 a.m.

*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available—
please ask an usher if you require them.*

Thank you for turning off electronic devices before worship begins.

**Please stand if you are able.*

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Lau

You Were There

arr. Lasky

WELCOME

*Traditionally we would walk around the church but this year we will invite
you to stand and participate from their pews:*

LITANY OF THE PALMS:

Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The One we have long awaited, the Messiah, has come.

Hosanna!

Riding into Jerusalem, not on a warhorse, but on a young donkey,

Hosanna!

The Prince of Peace has come, the one who heals our wounds.

Hosanna!

Everything that was foretold, Christ has fulfilled.

We offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We set up a banquet and pour costly perfume at His feet.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

This is Jesus

Whose name is glorified

This is Jesus

High and lifted up

Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

INTROIT *Glorious is Your Name, O Jesus* Fryson
You may follow the text on page 118 in the Chalice hymnal.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

(One) Sing for joy ! The Master comes !

(All) Riding on a colt, he enters in victory !

(One) If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.

(All) But there will be some who will not sing of shout.

(One) There will be some who will cling to their fear.

**(All) Be ready, O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming !
Hosanna in the highest ! AMEN.**

***HYMN** *ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR* 192

***GATHERING PRAYER (unison)**

Humble and riding on a donkey, we greet you;

**Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
we cheer you;**

moving from the peace of the countryside

to the corridors of power,

We salute you: Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity;

you are giving majesty a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption

A new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Hosanna Unto the King*

Patterson

*Hosanna unto the King. Lift up your voice
And let us sing Hosanna unto the King.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Riding through Jerusalem He comes. Sing Hosanna!
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
Come sing Hosanna to the King!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm	118:19-29	p. 528 OT
Luke	19:28-40	p. 72 NT

SERMON

A NEW KIND OF KING

Matt McDonald

*HYMN	WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?	200
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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: John, Troy, Robert T. & Robert W.

Choral Response	<i>Amen</i>	315
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OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (Mail to PO Box 12, Ellsworth, 04605)

OFFERTORY	<i>Lamb of God</i>	Paris
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*DOXOLOGY		46
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	320
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POSTLUDE	<i>With Palms Before Him Went</i> arr.	Wagner
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Our purpose,

First Congregational Church, UCC, Ellsworth, Maine:

To embrace the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ

In meaningful and dynamic ways through

creative worship,

supportive fellowship,

compassionate outreach, and

stimulating Christian education for all ages;

To be a faithful community which, led by the Holy Spirit,

expresses hospitality,

nurtures spiritual growth, and

promotes a deep sense of belonging;

To strive to build on commonalities while seeking to

understand, accept, and

celebrate our differences;

To stand as a beacon of hope in a hurting and troubled world by

sharing the Good News of the Gospel, and

practicing God's love as embodied by Jesus Christ.

We welcome all to walk with us on the journey of faith.

As adopted by the Congregation at its Annual Meeting – January 22, 2012



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