



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 10, 2022



*Palm Sunday*

*from "The Poet Thinks about the Donkey"*  
~ Mary Oliver

On the outskirts of Jerusalem  
The donkey waited.  
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,  
the donkey stood and waited.

*Distribution of Palms will take place at the close of this morning's service.  
Thank you.*

Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

Prelude "The Palms (Les Rammeaux)" by Jean-Baptiste Faure  
Robert Acker, Soloist

## Call to Worship

Please rise or remain seated and join us in

We set our face to this, our village -  
and all the ones beyond us.  
The donkey (there were two, maybe) are waiting...

"Untie them; bring them to me," Jesus says.

Bring us to you, as well.  
However, we may ride.

Please remain as you are and join us in singing our opening hymn.

Hymn "All Glory Laud and Honor"  
New Century Hymnal #216 vs. 1 & 3

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.

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!

## Unison Prayer

Please be seated and join us in reading this morning's Unison Prayer

"Say You, for Palm Sunday" by Joseph H. Gilmore

O you whose name we do  
not, have never known:  
on that day,  
did he enter the spirit  
of the parade?  
Did he laugh at their gesture,  
unlikely prophet on an  
unlikely animal  
shuffling toward  
an unknown destiny?

Say you.

Or did he look neither right  
nor left, flint-faced,  
eyes fixed  
on some undetermined  
distance, ears closed to the  
merriment  
of the bystanders?

Say you.

Did his heart race,  
sensing danger,  
but not knowing from  
where? Did he wish  
he had never prayed  
for the coming of God  
in his life with power,  
and to his people  
with power, love and  
justice?

Say you.

Assurance of God's Love

Did he still own the words  
he borrowed from Isaiah  
for his first sermon...  
"the Spirit of God  
Is upon me,"  
or, as he rode,  
was he rehearsing  
his last prayer...  
"My God, my God,  
why?"

You say,  
we beseech you.

He was a danger  
and a delight  
you know this,  
and following in his way is,  
ever,  
more than we  
bargained for.  
He went up  
in flames,  
and there has been light  
ever since.

Hosannah in the highest!  
Blessed are those, who  
like him  
ride in to town  
regardless.

One fact remains always that does not change: God has loved us, loves now, and will love us always. This is the good news. Good news that brings us new life, every moment of every day.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Please rise or remain seated

With this Good News in mind:  
May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please be seated

Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus

Creator God who is in heaven  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Choral Anthem "Draw Nigh, O Lord"  
Words by Jeremy Taylor, Music by Erik Routley  
James Cesare, Trumpet Descant

Holy Communion: Come to the Table

Friends, we come to this table in prayer. We *abide* in this Communion we share in this break from the world and its power. We pause from our goings and comings and breathe in the presence of the Holy Spirit that surely filled Jesus in his life, especially that last night; the Spirit that fills us in our life, surely in this moment.

## Words of Institution and Sharing of The Meal

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-40 (The Inclusive Bible)

Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem.

Approaching Bethpage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: "Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.' "

They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you doing that?"

They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount.

People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!"

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

Choral Anthem "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Text by Jennette Threlfall, Arranged by Mark Hayes

Ray Homily

Sean "Church Covenant"

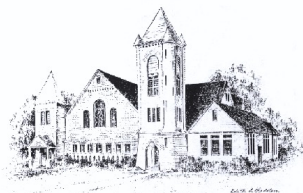
In response to God's love, we covenant with each other...  
to be faithful to the demands and inspiration of the eternal spirit,  
revealed in the event of Jesus Christ;  
to accept and respect each other with love and concern  
in our worship and witness.;  
to reach out with the courage of our convictions  
in the cause of justice, liberation, and equality for all.  
In this, we covenant to keep the ultimate promise:  
"I care, I am with you.

Ray Benediction

Ushers Ringing the Bell

Sean Postlude





### ***Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ***

For more than a century and a half, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore of Long Island and has been a voice for the progressive Protestant tradition. A member of the United Church of Christ since it was established in 1957, today we continue to celebrate God's love, to advocate and act for the oppressed, and to welcome all those on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for joining us. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation or with any questions you may have for us.

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Music Director – Sean Cameron

Soloist - Robert Acker

Trumpet Descant – James Cesare

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*Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.*

*“Namaste”*