



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 24, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music

"Hosanna to the Son of David"
Chancel Choir

Michael Praetorius

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Sentences from the scripture** (Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:26)

Cong'l Response: Hosanna in the highest!

***Procession of the Palms** (see insert) "Pave the Way with Branches"

B. Helsa

Opening Prayer

Reflecting on our Humanity

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we come before you adrift, often overwhelmed by life. Having lost ourselves, we mistreat others and dwell in worldly things. Broaden our sight and give us faith to reorient our lives, that we may discover our authentic self, directed towards you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

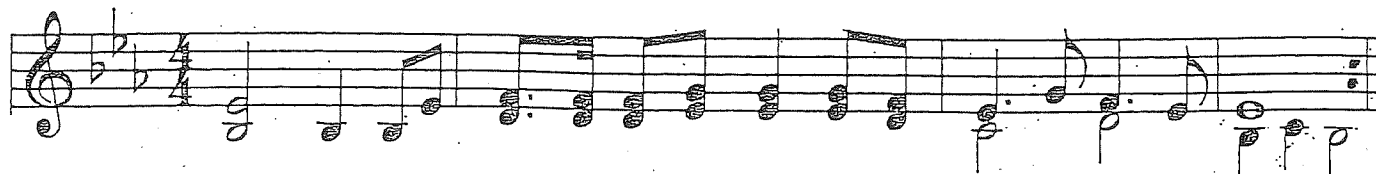
Readings from the Bible

Genesis 22:1-14 (p. 21-22 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Luke 22:39-46 (p. 106 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Thy Word"



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Presentation of Candidates for Membership

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| George Belitsos | Diane McHenry |
| Courtney Cornell | Kevin McHenry |
| Maryanne DiOrio | Amy Erica Smith |
| Erica Fjelland | Laura Swanson |

The Confession of Faith

The Covenant of Worship and Service

***Welcome to the Church**

Members: We then as members of this church, gladly welcome you to join with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the Christian life.

All: We as members of the Church Universal bid you welcome and renew our covenant with Christ and his Church. May God keep us faithful, and bring us at length into the Church Triumphant.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Declaration to the Members

Song NCH #386

"The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1-2)

Aurelia

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with "The Lord's Prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

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.

Offering of Gifts

"All Glory, Laud & Honor"

Kauffman

*Sung Response

"God Gives Us What We Need"

Kniker/Ziegler

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God gives us what we need, a - bun - dant gifts in tru - st. We
pledge to build with words and deeds, a world both blessed and just.

*Prayer of Dedication

As the people of Jerusalem laid their palms at the coming of Jesus, so we lay our gifts before you, Gracious God. Use us and these gifts for the building up of your Kingdom, for which your Son was willing to suffer and to die. Amen.

*Song NCH #216

"All Glory, Laud & Honor"

St. Theodulph

Sermon "Jesuit Spirituality - Obedience" Jonathan Page
***Closing Song** NCH #222 "My Song is Love Unknown" Rhosymedre

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Charles Kniker
Preacher: Jonathan Page
Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover
Youth Director: Emily Kenneke
Music Director: Lesley Lackore
Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of March 31 Easter Sunday:

Easter Sunrise Service at First Christian Church at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast after the service in their Fellowship Hall. Sermon: "Hope for Peter", Rev. Jonathan Page
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. at UCC
Easter service at UCC at 10:45 a.m.
Sermon: "The Message" Rev. Jonathan Page
Texts: Acts 2:14-42

Announcements:

Flowers on the communion table are in honor of Barbara Faidley's birthday.

A service of remembrance for Maury Geist will be held here at the church on Monday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m. Please keep Martha and the entire family in your prayers.

Holy Week Services:

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday at First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday at First United Methodist at 12 noon

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday at UCC at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church will hold a vigil from Good Friday until Easter morning and you are invited to sign up for a time to pray there in preparation for Sunday.

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service at First Christian Church at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast after the service in their Fellowship Hall.

Easter service at UCC at 10:45 a.m.