

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Blessing of Offering

Youth Message

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Nancy Zurawka

Philippians 2:5-11

Response: **Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

“Along for the Ride”

The Rev. Dennis TeBeest



“Sanctuary”

#482

(sing three times)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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, forever. Amen.



“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#261

Benediction

(please be seated)

Postlude

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025


10 a.m.



*The First Congregational
Church of West Brookfield
United Church of Christ*

PALM SUNDAY
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
WEST BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 -- 10:00 AM



We gather, as able, in the Fellowship Hall, receiving Palms.
Those with mobility concerns are welcome to await us in the sanctuary.
*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*
 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

Pastoral Greeting

 The First Palm Sunday

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Luke 19:28-40, ending with: . . . the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

People: (waving branches)

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

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Luke 19:39-40, ending with: 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! *(waving branches)* **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

 The Processional

We join in a parade of holy pilgrims into the sanctuary. Imagine you are journeying to Jerusalem. Catch the spirit of the parade, waving your palms and calling out "Hosanna!" as you go. Remain standing until all have arrived. Then we will join to sing:

 Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **#265**

 Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

whose steadfast love endures forever. *(from Psalm 118)*

Prayer for Transformation

Nancy Zurawka

If we have entered this house fully content with our own goodness and respectability, and feeling superior to others, Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

If we are unaware of the ambiguity of our motives and the ego that has crept into our best thoughts and deeds, Christ have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

If we have measured our loving by odious comparisons with those around us, rather than by the exquisite self-giving of the cross, Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. *Silence.*

Words of Assurance

It is the Lord God who helps me;

Who will declare me guilty?

The Lord God helps me.

Therefore I have not been disgraced.

God who vindicates me is near;

And I know that I shall not be put to shame.

(waving branches) **Hosanna!**

Call to Offering and Offertory Music

(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)



Please join in these Holy Week opportunities for worship, journeying through trial and denial, to resurrection joy.

Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae

At 7 pm, join in a reflective service, hearing Jesus's mandate to love one another, sharing communion, and readings of the deepening shadows of our denials, along with hymns and songs of Holy Week.

Good Friday Cross Walk

We join George Whitfield United Methodist Church at noon at our sanctuary entrance for a journey of readings and song through the stations of the cross around the Common.

Ecumenical Sunrise Service

- 6 am - Foster Hill Rd.

Breakfast at G. Whitefield Methodist church to follow, 33 W. Main St. W. Brookfield.

Easter Worship

Christ is risen! Our 10 am worship is filled with the story of Christ's resurrection and the promise of ours. Scripture and song and floral signs of new life!



Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us in worship, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship. Sunday school is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

A Memorial Service of Celebration for the life of Martha Giguere will be held in our sanctuary, Friday, April 25, 11:00 am.

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