

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 13, 2014
Palm/Passion Sunday

Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

Gathering Music #297 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” by J. S. Bach *JoBeth Dudley—flute*

Responsive Reading: *Matthew 21:1-11*

One: As we approached the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of us ahead. He said,

**All: “In the next village you’ll find a donkey
tied to her stall and her colt will be with her.
Untie them both and bring them to me.
If anyone asks, just say ‘Jesus has need of them.’”**

One: (Jesus was preparing to dramatize the prophet’s promise:

**All: “Daughter of Zion, look! Your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on the foal of a donkey! Rejoice!”)**

One: We found the donkeys just as Jesus had said we would.
We covered their bony backs with our cloaks
to soften Jesus’ ride; we cut down branches and covered
the stones of the road to soften Jesus’ path. And we sang:

Sing: (#297 vs. 3)

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

Anthem “Of Palms and Praise” Furman/Drennan
(Here we’ll wave our palms as we bring them to the Table of Blessing)

Children’s Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration

(please fill out a blue card in the pew)

Pastoral Prayer

Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Doxology #815

*Offertory Prayer

Hymn: #321 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: “At the Name of Jesus”

Hymn: #606 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” *vs. 1-3*

*Benediction

*Response #606 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” *vs. 4*

*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude