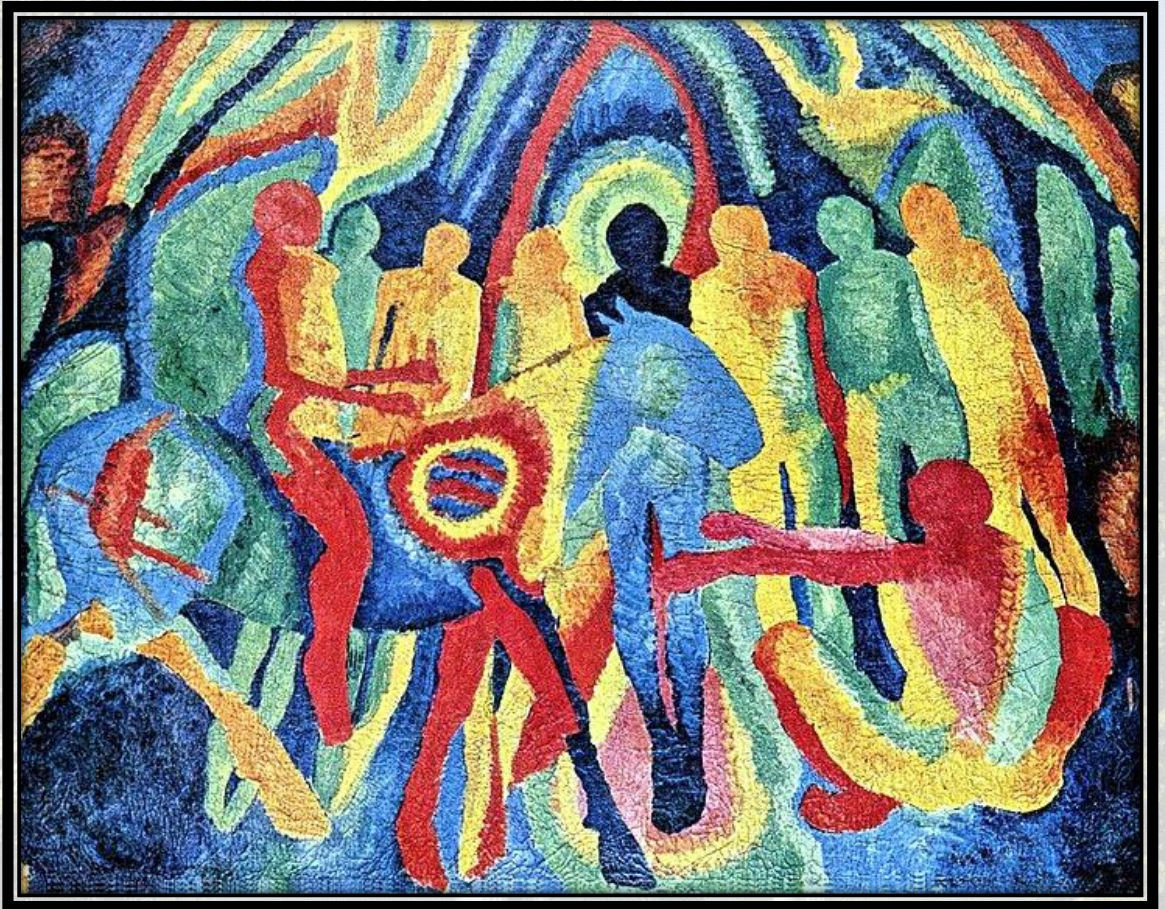


# The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

*A United Church of Christ*



*Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, Wilhelm Morgner (c. 1912)*

**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



(Please gather in the Courtyard to begin worship.)

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**\*Greeting and Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Today we raise our palm branches and rejoice with Christians everywhere that there was at least one day when Jesus received the recognition he deserved.

**All: We rejoice, knowing that his triumphal entry means that truth cannot remain hidden and that good hearts everywhere recognize truth when it appears.**

One: We persist in hope with people on many continents, in many circumstances who are waiting for the day when their truth can be told.

**All: We persevere with them in faith knowing that the same God who could have commanded the rocks to shout truth in Jerusalem will not allow truth to be suppressed and good people to be crushed forever.**

One: Let us break our Lenten fast and sing our loud hosannas.

**\*Processional**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,  
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.  
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

One: As we have paraded with our palm branches, joining those who welcomed Jesus so many years ago, let us read together the account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

### **The Palms: Luke 19: 28-40**

One: After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task.

**All: He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'"**

One: Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "Its master needs it."

All: They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

One: As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen.

All: They said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

One: Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

All: Jesus answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

**\*Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" NCH #216

### **Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Confession

*(In Unison)*

*God of Love and Grief, we are too easily unmoved by your tears, by your slow dying. We hear the taunts, and pretend their words are not our words. We watch you forgive, and hoard grace for ourselves. We know you gave your life for us, and we still go on about our usual way. Forgive us for not stopping, for not weeping, for not acknowledging that we allow your children in our time to continue to suffer. Heal our broken, imperfect hearts, that we might love more fully, following you through death into life. Amen.*

## Prayers for Our Church and the World

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Carol Fitzsimons; Cari Jansen; Maria Coffin; Karl Paulette; Amos Hewitt; and Rhonda Pruzinsky.

## Moments of Silent Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

*(In Unison)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. 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.*

## Call to Offering

Offertory

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

*Arr. Evelyn Larter*

Valerie Duffy,  
Flute



*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,  
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,  
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us this Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, for our Annual Maundy Thursday service. This service will include Communion and Tenebrae observance. We hope to see you there!

Please join us on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for our Easter Celebration. Copies of the 2024 Annual Report and Revised Bylaws will be available for pickup in the Narthex.

The 260<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mount Carmel Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, following our regularly scheduled worship service. Following our meeting, we will be holding a luncheon with sandwiches provided by Whitney Donut. Your attendance at this meeting is very important because we need a quorum in order to approve both the Annual Report as well as the Bylaw revisions.

Physical copies of the 2025 MCCC Family and Friends Directory will be made available by April's Annual Meeting. If you would like a PDF copy of the directory, please contact the office by email at [office@mccucc.com](mailto:office@mccucc.com) and we will get one to you as it is available.

Our annual Spring Tag and Craft Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Per usual, there will be a variety of unique craft and tag tables to choose from, as well as delicious food to purchase via our Snack Bar and delectable treats to discover via our Church Bake Sale table. We hope to see you there!

*Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



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