



Palm
Sunday

APRIL 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY
AN ONLINE SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

PRELUDE & BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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INTROIT

“We Resist”

Mark Miller

Sung by Mark Miller and his choir at Drew University

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING IN GRATITUDE

Circle of the Season Directions by Joan Goodwin; adapted by Sid Hail,
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*SINGING TO OPEN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

NCH 21

***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 the way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.***

***O Promised One of Israel, of David’s royal line,
The one called “God’s beloved,” of flesh and yet divine.
To you, before your passions, they sang your hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.***

***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!***

FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Mark 11:1-11

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us, ***thanks be to God.***

CONFESSING WHO WE ARE

From the preface of the proposed 2020 *Social Principles*

***By you grace Holy God, we are called to be more Christ-like,
and thus to be merciful, just and compassionate.***

And yet, we are hesitant to respond to that call.

***We seek to follow Jesus, who gave boundless love to all—
the children, the outcast, the condemned and the confused.***

And yet, we disregard the call to wholehearted discipleship:

to open our hearts to the people we encounter daily;

to practice compassion with our families and neighbors;

to honor the dignity and worth of all people near and far;

to recognize the systems that destroy human lives through poverty, war and exclusion;

and to advocate justice and care in our churches, communities and social structures.

By your grace, forgive us. (Silence is kept). ***Amen.***

BEING ASSURED OF FORGIVENESS & EXCHANGING PEACE

Peace be with you. ***And also with you.***

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

We invite you to explore the resources provided on the ELUMC Facebook page from Cokesbury curriculum, from our favorite authors, and from our own Education Team offering Sunday School experiences for our children missing their classes.

FROM OUR TRADITION

The link to watch today's Methodist heritage video can be found on our Facebook page or by copying and pasting this address into your browser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQGzxEkosT8>

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Pray for our new Pastor Katherine Mitchell and her family.

“For those sent to un-tie donkeys” by Maren Tirabassi

FROM OUR REASON

the Reverend Kelly Turney

OFFERING

We invite you to send in your offering to the church: ELUMC 215 Somers Road, East Longmeadow MA 01028 or drop it by building (the mail slot is to the left of the office door in the back of the building).

The Outreach Team invites you to help “Clear the Board” – a Mission Shares giving challenge continuing through Easter – write Mission Shares on you check.

The Loaves & Fishes folks who cook meals for those who are homeless in Springfield are asking for donations of tube pasta and monetary donations to help cover the cost of meals.

SINGING OUR PRAISE AND DEDICATING OUR GIFTS

OLD 100th

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

LOVE FEAST

Comfort Food

www.worshipdesignstudio.com/series

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SINGING TO SEND US OUT & TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST “Ah, Holy Jesus” vss. 1-3

NCH 218

***Ah, Holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgement has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!***

***For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish
And your bitter passion., for my salvation.***

***Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason Jesus, that has slain you.
And I, dear Jesus, I it was denied you;
I crucified you.***

PRAYER OF BLESSING & GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“Thaxted” by Gustav Holst, from “Jupiter” in “The Planets.”

Gillian Woldorf

Worship Notes:

We welcome back violinist Gillian Woldorf
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The prayer of confession is taken from the proposed Social Principles distributed by Church & Society at the next General Conference originally scheduled for May.

Church Check-in on Fridays at 7- 7:15pm.

Now that the stay at home guidelines took away our rail trail gatherings, let's come together while staying apart for a brief check-in and prayer with the help of ZOOM. You can use the link below on your computer or phone to show us your face or simply call in to listen in.

- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/7781251108>

If you prefer to join by telephone (audio only)

- Dial: +1 929 205 6099
- Meeting ID: 778 125 1108



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Prayer for a Pandemic by Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most
vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember
those who must choose between preserving their health or
making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when
their schools close remember those that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have
no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those
who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love during this time
When we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God
To our neighbor.

Amen.