



10:30 AM PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

PLYMOUTH UCC PURPOSE

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please like and send us a greeting
on Facebook and Instagram.



Help support the mission and ministries of Plymouth Church UCC.

Make a donation under the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org,
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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

*When you enter Plymouth Church UCC,
may you feel the peace, intimacy, belonging,
acceptance and refuge of Sanctuary.*

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.
The quiet of this place is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.
Thank you for entering this place, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

At the Rising of the Sun. David Paxton
Peter Nelson-King, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

CALL TO WORSHIP *LLAMADO A ADORAR* Dr. Brown
(Inspired by Psalm 118)

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: This is the day that God has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

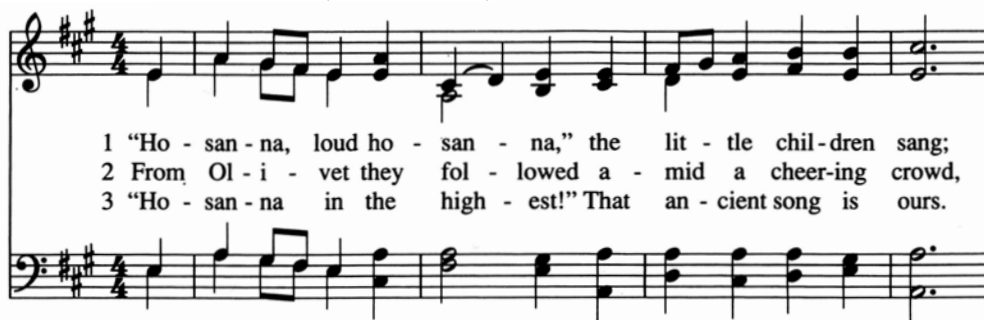
Many: God has given us light.

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

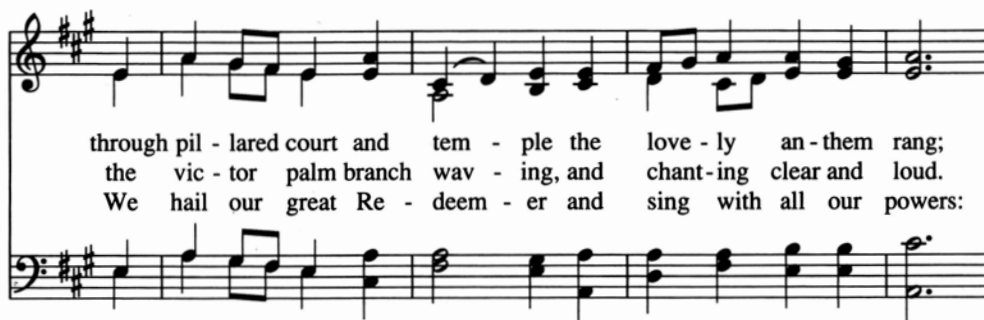
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

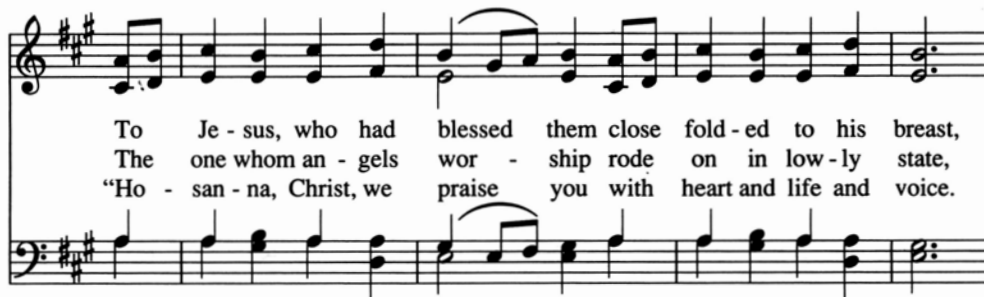
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (NCH #213) ELLACOMBE



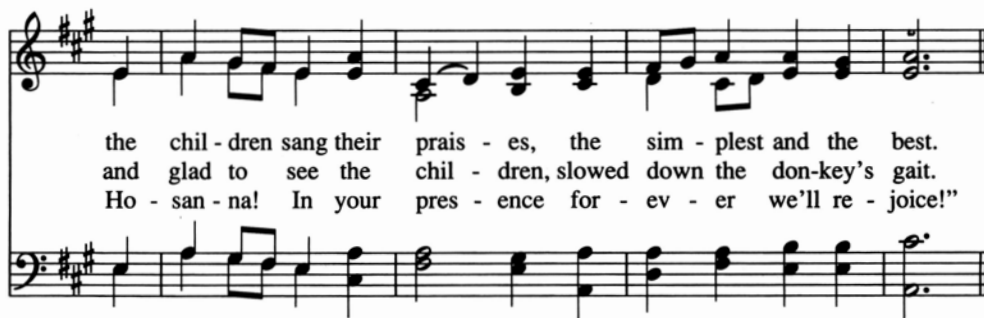
1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



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!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Kevin Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Many: **There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week.**

One: We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time.

All: **Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Bechtold

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. in the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Bechtold

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Eleanor Fordyce, Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Robert Malae, Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Terri, Bryan, Robert and all the Hildebrand family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of their beloved, David Hildebrand.



PRAYER OF JESUS *ORACIÓN DE JESÚS*

**Our parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.
May your loving presence be a reality here on earth.
May we become more interested in building your kingdom
here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

Adagio Cantabile, from *Cinnamon Grove*. R. Nathaniel Dett
Peter Nelson-King, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Blessing of Palms, by Jan Richardson

This blessing
can be heard coming
from a long way off.

This blessing
is making
its steady way
up the road
toward you.

This blessing
blooms in the throats
of women,
springs from the hearts
of men,
tumbles out of the mouths
of children.

This blessing
is stitched into
the seams



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an artist, writer, and
minister in the United
Methodist Church.*

of the cloaks
that line the road,
etched into
the branches
that trace the path,
echoes in
the breathing
of the willing colt,
the click
of the donkey's hoof
against the stones.
Something is rising
beneath this blessing.
Something will try
to drown it out.
But this blessing
cannot be turned back,
cannot be made
to still its voice,
cannot cease
to sing its praise
of the One who comes
along the way
it makes.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Matthew 21:1-11
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Now they had come near Jerusalem and reached Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village before you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; release them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Son of Woman needs them.’ And they will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
‘Look, your sovereign is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that were going before him and the one following were shouting, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One!
Hosanna in the highest!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shook, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*
Pilate’s Dream, from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Revere Taylor, baritone; Peter Nelson-King, piano

SERMON *SERMÓN* *All In the Details* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*
This Is My Song (NCH #591) FINLANDIA



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Prelude on “Savannah” Ross Anderson

Peter Nelson-King, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn More Stay after worship today for coffee hour and a discussion in the Lounge about the recent Civil Rights Trip to Selma.

Help Prepare Easter Eggs We'll have an Easter egg hunt after worship next week, and you can help by filling plastic eggs with goodies in the back of the Sanctuary during worship today.

Good Friday April 18 Join a powerful and moving service at 2 pm in the Sanctuary: Seven Last Sayings of Jesus. Spread the word and invite friends and family.

Film Screening April 27 Join a showing and discussion of *Las Abogadas: Attorneys on the Front Line of the Immigrant Crises*, sponsored by Latin American Relief Fund: 12–2 pm Sunday, April 27, in Hildebrand Hall; lunch-worthy snacks available.

Easter Flowers will be delivered to Plymouth folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. Deliver flowers, or contribute financially and honor loved ones. Names will be listed in the *Herald*. Donate online using the form in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org or on our “Giving” page (select “Flower Fund” from the drop-down menu).

Free Medical Clinic Dental, vision, medical, and social services available at Settle Center April 24–27. Patients do not need proof of income, insurance, or immigration status to receive free care. Interpreters are available. Read more in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Please Remember Plymouth now receives mail at a PO Box instead of our street address. Send all postal correspondence to: Plymouth Church UCC/PO Box 21368/Seattle WA 98111.

Volunteers Wanted to staff a children and youth table in the Lounge during the service. We are looking to provide a space geared towards the youngest in our midst with activities during worship. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Study the Bible with Plymouth Wednesdays at 9 am. The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for the Wednesday morning study.

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.org.

7 Sisters Sharing the 7 Last Words of Jesus **Organize!**

Following Jesus, the Movement-Maker

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Plymouth Church Seattle

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**Rev. Shalom Agtarap Rev. Priscilla Austin Rev. Jennifer Castle
Rev. Bianca Davis Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon Rev. Dr. Linda Smith
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Host**



Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,
of varied social and economic conditions
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.