

**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF CHULA VISTA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday**

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome here!*

Welcome! Mabuhay! Bienvenidos!

We welcome you in the name of the still speaking God!
We invite all *guests* to please **PRINT** their name and contact info
on the ***“Information Card”*** in the pew rack and place the card
in the offering plate. Anyone with a prayer request,
please put it on the ***“Information Card”***
and place it in the offering plate.
If you need assistance, please ask our Greeters.

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Prelude: Guest Organist Professor R. Mitchel Beauchamp

Processional: Children and choir
Hosanna, Hosanna we sing by Stan Pethel

Gathering Music: It's A Great Day to Praise the Lord

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

****Hymn:** **Lift Up Your Head** NCH p. 117 all verses

Liturgist: Erika Dennis

Call to Worship: Responsive

Leader: Let us wave palms for today we welcome Jesus into our midst.

People: **Hosanna to the blessed anointed one of God!**

Leader: On this day we bring our palms and reflect upon Jesus' ministry of love and transformation.

People: **Hosanna to the blessed anointed one of God!**

Leader: On this day we begin the Holiest week of all.

People: **Hosanna to the blessed anointed one of God!**

Leader: On this day we begin to grieve, for we remember Jesus' death.

People: **Hosanna to the blessed anointed one of God!**

****Hymn:** **All Glory, Laud and Honor** Red p. 249, all verses

Prayer of Invocation: (unison) Erika Dennis
Lord Jesus enter our hearts as you once entered into Jerusalem, full of purpose and passion. Help us to receive you with joy and thanksgiving, that we may enter into your ministry with that same passion and purpose. Strengthen our resolve when we face challenges and tragedy, that we may proclaim your name and follow where you lead. Amen.

Choir Anthem: For the Bread Which You Have Broken
Music by Lloyd Larson

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: Mark 11: 1-10

Sermon: The Beginning of the End Rev. Victoria

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way,

Jesus also took the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you do it, in remembrance of me."

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Come Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks Almighty God that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Call to Offering: Unison

Erika Dennis

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own do we give thee. Amen.

Offertory:

David Hand

"The Palms" by Faure arranged by C.H.G

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

****Prayer of Dedication: Unison**

Erika Dennis

Thank you God for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ; for the love that he gives to us. Please use these offerings for your good purpose in this corner of the world and beyond. May we know that when we give, we receive even more in return. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

****Closing Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** NCH p. 213 All verses

****Benediction: (Responsively)**

Rev. Victoria: May the mind of Christ rule in our hearts and bless our lives.

People: May the love of Christ bring us joy throughout the week. Amen.

Form a circle **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Maker, All one Family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment, and live each moment

With peace eternally,

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude: Guest organist

Professor R. Mitchel Beauchamp

Announcements

WE WELCOME YOU to the Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. To our visitors we extend a special greeting. We are delighted that you have joined us today. Please sign the information card and let us know if you need prayers.

The Quilters need help, please join them on Tuesdays at 10 am in the small dining room.

MONDAY	April 3rd
6:30 PM	Laubach (ESL) in small dining room with Erika Dennis
TUESDAY	April 4th
9:30 AM	Quilters in small dining room
4:30 PM	AYOP Karate in Bradley Hall
THURSDAY	April 6th
7:00 PM	Choir Practice – Music Room
FRIDAY	April 7th
10:00 AM	Bible Study -Lounge
SATURDAY	April 8th
10:00 AM	Art Group meeting in the small dining room
10:00 AM	Healing Touch meeting in the lounge
SUNDAY	April 9th
9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Fellowship and coffee