



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday
10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Chanson triste
Carol Wooldredge, cello

Peter Tschaikowsky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom M. Schuman, adapted

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: *We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.*

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

People: *We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.*

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

People: *Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.*

HYMN 196 (vv. 1-2, 4)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Sanctuary Ringers
Caroline L. Sargent, tambourine

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
Cynthia Dobrinski, arr. (vv. 1-2, 4)

*(1) Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

*(2) The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)*

*(4) Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)*

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive us when we turn away. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

SERMON “The Lord Needs It”

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Rev. Julia Seymour

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.

We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.

We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.

We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.

We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation.

We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.

We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God’s peace.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Hunger Relief Fund

Carolyn Smith

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus!
Chancel Choir

Spiritual; arr. Roger Wesby/DSKing

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*(1) Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*(2) From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*(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.*

TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, alt.

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Valet will Ich dir geben

G. F. Kauffmann

Today's worship assistant is The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

Today's cantor is Douglas Clark.

Choral anthem produced by Douglas Clark at the Glass Bottom Studios.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Dylan Mangel and Carlene Pruitt today
for their technical assistance.

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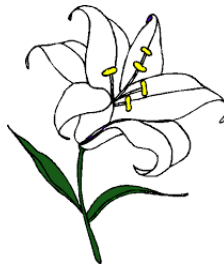
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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in Memory
of Ardell Hoppe, mother, grandmother, and Presbyterian elder, by the Hoppe Family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 28, 2021

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Please join Pastor Ellen today and every Sunday at 11 a.m. for some virtual coffee and fellowship via Zoom. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new Senior Pastor and to catch up with old friends. All are welcome. Click [HERE](#) to join Zoom. *Note new Zoom link.*

Meeting ID: 978 2578 8026
Passcode: Coffee

HUNGER RELIEF FUND

The economic impact of Covid continues to devastate many in our surrounding communities and people are struggling to feed their families. About four in 10 people have visited food banks this year and more than 1.2 million New Jerseyans are food insecure. Many of us are fortunate that we are financially stable. Some may have recently received additional income via a company bonus, tax refund, or Government stimulus check. As we enter this Easter season of hope and renewal, we'd like to offer a way to "pay it forward" through a Hunger Relief Fund. 100% of the monetary donations received will be shared among the following agencies: Community Food Bank, nourish.nj, Interfaith Food Pantry Network, the food bank at First Baptist Church of Madison and Helping Hands of Chatham. The campaign will commence today, March 28th and run through April 25th. You can donate online [HERE](#) or send a check payable to PCCT with Hunger Relief Fund in the memo line.

COMMUNION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Maundy Thursday, we invite those watching our service online to share the Sacrament of Communion with us. Before the time of the service, you will want to prepare some bread (any kind) or even a cracker and a beverage of your choice for each person who will be partaking in the sacrament. Set these elements where you will worship virtually with our faith community. Thank you for your preparation.

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICE

This year we have a special sunrise service planned on Easter morning at 7 am. We will worship outdoors in our cars by radio, celebrate communion and rejoice together. Special music includes Doug Haislip on trumpet and Will Marinelli on timpani. A recording of the "Hallelujah Chorus," excerpted from a full performance of Messiah, by the Ember vocal ensemble and orchestra with Dr. Deborah Simpkin King as conductor. Please register [HERE](#) for the Drive-In Service and see below for a full list of our services during Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1 at 7 PM (livestreamed)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2 at 7 PM (streamed)

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE DRIVE-IN, April 4 at 7 AM (live, outdoors)

Please register [HERE](#) for the Drive-In Service

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4 at 10 AM (livestreamed)

FAMILY FRIDAY

Fridays are dedicated to Families and all God's children. The weekly video message is emailed to families at 12 noon every Friday and available on our [website](#) along with activities, future service projects and ways for families to participate in the life of the church.

BIBLE STUDY

Remember to join us each Wednesday at 10:30 am for Bible Study. To sign up, please go [HERE](#), or you can call the church office and let us know you would like to attend. *Note new Zoom link.*

Meeting ID: 948 3878 2867

Passcode: Bible

CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has rehearsals on Thursday evenings on Zoom and the Sanctuary Ringers meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, masked and socially distanced. If you think you may be called to ministry through music at PCCT as a singer, a ringer, or parents of a child musician, please reach out to Deborah at dking@pcct-nj.org

PODCAST DISCUSSION GROUP

April 6, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us for a new take on the conventional book discussion group. Rather than reading in preparation for the group, we'll be listening to two podcasts. Please register [HERE](#) in advance for this meeting to learn about the two podcasts and so we can send you the Zoom link. Bring your thoughts, reactions and questions to the discussion. Sponsored by PCCT's "Conversations on Race" group, these podcasts offer insights into reactions to the coronavirus vaccine in the black community and are offered to help members' understanding and sensitivity. Additional topics and dates will be announced soon. For more information, please contact Associate Pastor, [Rev. Tom Brown](#).

BRIDGES - Friday, April 9

A Family Friendly event for all ages! Help us provide meals for hungry people on the streets in NYC. Simply sign up to purchase items, assemble sandwiches and sack suppers at home, and drop them off at the PCCT parking lot between 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. We will then deliver the sack suppers to **Bridges Outreach** who will ensure the most vulnerable homeless and food insecure receive a meal. You may sign up [HERE](#).

FAITH FORWARD

Save the Dates - Sunday, April 18 and Sunday, April 25

Please join us for a 2-part virtual conversation covering the effects of the pandemic on the mental health of our young people. We will cover what the latest research says about this topic, talk about the challenges students have faced and will face as they adjust to more normalized schooling, and talk about what you can do to support our kids during this time. These sessions will be hosted by PCCT members:

- Duncan Young, CEO of Effective School Solutions, a provider of school-based mental health services
- Ellen Dinneen, a licensed professional counselor practicing in Chatham

Sign up [HERE](#) to join! Zoom links will be emailed to you the Friday before.

NOURISH.NJ: MAY & JUNE

A wonderful new way to support Nourish guests! The need for food programs has increased by 30% since the onset of Covid-19 but we can alleviate the need by providing Breakfast Bags. Assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall. Upcoming weeks are May 17 - 25 and June 14 - 22 from between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please visit our [website](#) to sign up and for details and directions. We are hoping to provide 60 bags each month. Please contact Story Savage at story_savage_284@comcast.net with any questions.

OFFERING

Pledges and gifts may be mailed or given through our website - look for the tab that says "Give." You can also text the word "Give" to 973-524-7580 and you will receive a Text with a link to Give. Please know how grateful we are for your continued support and partnership.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This morning we will be collecting our special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please go to our website.