



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

March 29, 2015

*Palm Sunday*

*10:00 AM*

**Meditation**

*"One of our most dangerous mistakes is believing we are always right."  
~Sheldon Kopp~*

*For those who are able Worship begins in Fellowship Hall. Palm branches are distributed as people enter.*

**PRELUDE (Fellowship Hall)** *"Worthy is The Lamb"* Jay Chandler  
Don Wrytzen

**\*INVOCATION** (*responsively*) Pastor Frank  
In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 155(red)** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"Morning Song of Praise"* Hand Bell Choir  
Sharon Elery Rogers

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** John Kelley

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Thou art my God, I will give thanks to thee.

**People: Thou art my God, I will extol thee.**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in!

**People: Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the king of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!**

Leader: Let us pray:

(in unison): **It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *"Let Hosannas Ring"* Hand Bell Choir  
Patti Drennan Tom Erickson on Trumpet

**A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN IN ALL OF US** Pastor Frank  
**"JESUS LOVES ME"** Jay Chandler  
(*Children are dismissed afterward for Sunday School Classes.*)

**SCRIPTURES** Tammy Kelley  
**OLD TESTAMENT:** Zechariah 9:9-12  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 11:1-11

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise be to God.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)**

**SERMON** *"What Were you Expecting?"* Pastor Frank

**\*HYMN #114 (red)** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
**CHORAL RESPONSE** Choir

**OFFERTORY** *"Aria"* Hand Bell Choir  
Cynthia Dobrinski

**\*DOXOLOGY #34 (blue) #514 (red)**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #68 (blue)** *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *"The Modal Trumpet"* Jay Chandler  
Frederick Karam

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK FOLLOWING SERVICE**

**GO** and Make Disciples



**Our Vision:**  
An Active, Welcoming and  
Growing Community of Faith

*We always welcome visitors to join us at worship. We are glad that you are here. We encourage you to sign a visitor card, found in the pew, or to sign a guest book at the entry doors. If you leave a visitor card in the Offering Plate or your mailing address in the guest book, we can mail you our newsletter, the Tower Times, to let you get to know us better. Please join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall following Worship so that we may meet you and greet you personally. The Lord Bless your time here with his overflowing grace.*

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