



# Southport Congregational Church

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister

## SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 10, 2022, at ten o'clock

*Palm Sunday*

### PRELUDE

**“Chorale”** *Gothique Suite, Boellmann*

**“Deo Gracias”** *arr. Johnson*

**“Air”** *from Water Music, Handel*

*Elaine DeGrood, Organ*

### Brass Ensemble

*Gretchen Perrett, Trumpet*

*Steve Perret, Trumpet*

*Anthony DeQuattro, Timpani*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**“All Glory, Laud And Honor”** (vv. 1-3)

*(see page 5)*

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jeff Provost, Deacon*

Leader: Hosanna to the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Let us shout our blessings and sing our praises!

**People: Let us embrace the fullness of life that Christ gives!**

Leader: Let us open wide the gates of our hearts and let our Savior enter!

**People: We open our hearts to allow Christ to transform our lives!**

Leader: Let us join our voices with those who gathered to wave palm  
branches and praise Jesus, saying....

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### \*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY *Rev. Paul Whitmore*

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register Pads, found at the ends of the pews.  
If you are a visitor, please give us your address.)*

SONG

**“Sing Hosanna”**

*The Cherub, Junior and Teen Choirs*

*Music directed by Marnie Kruse      Accompanied by Phillip Bettencourt, piano*

Lift your voice and sing a hosanna, sing hosanna to the Lord!

Lift your hands and wave the palm branches, sing hosanna to the Lord!

Lift your heads for Jesus is coming, sing hosanna to the Lord!

See he rides on a humble donkey, sing hosanna to the Lord!

Children sing - your King is coming, let the earth cry out!

For your god has come to save, Sing Hosanna with a shout!!!

Great is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to God in the highest!

Great is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to God, in the highest!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

\*HYMN

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** (vv. 1-3)

*(see page 6)*

*Children are invited to go to the Chapel to attend Church School.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Julianne Center, Student Minister*

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2022 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a **plate donation**,

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To give **online**, please visit our website at [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org)

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*Thank you for your kindness and loving support!*

## OFFERTORY

“To God Let Us Sing Our Praises” *Charpentier, Bertholt*

*Senior Choir*

*Steve Perrett and Gretchen Perret, trumpets*

*Anthony DiQuattro, timpani*

*(refrain)* To God let us sing our praises, rejoice in our salvation;  
with thanks let us praise the Father, and sing aloud to Him with psalms.

For the Lord our God is a great God, a great King above all other gods;  
He made the earth, the sea is His and His hands prepared the land.  
*(refrain)*

O come let us worship Him, kneel before the Lord our God.  
He is our maker and our shepherd, we are His and He is ours.  
*(refrain)*

Let us worship God in holiness, all nations stand in awe of Him;  
He comes, He comes to judge the world, and the peoples with His truth.  
*(refrain)*

## \*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God, your abundant love and generosity is beyond comprehension. With our gratitude on this Palm Sunday, we thank you for all your gifts that sustain us, and for all the overflowing love we enjoy. With this opportunity for us to share, we pray that these gifts which we share from our hearts will be used to spread your love to those in need. Amen.***

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
 See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,  
 lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
 and the battle bow will be broken.  
 He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
 His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*Luke 19:29-38*

When Jesus drew near to Beth'phage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,  
 he sent two of the disciples, saying,  
 "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied,  
 on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here.  
 If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this,  
 'The Lord has need of it.'"  
 So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.  
 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,  
 "Why are you untying the colt?"  
 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."  
 And they brought it to Jesus and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.  
 And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.  
 As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives,  
 the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice  
 and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,  
 "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

SERMON

**"Real Kings Don't Ride Donkeys"**

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

HYMN

**"The Palms"** (vv. 1-3)

(see page 7)

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**"Alleluia"**

(see page 7)

*Senior Choir, Congregation*

POSTLUDE

**"Trumpet Call"** *Purcell*

*Steve Perrett and Gretchen Perret, trumpets  
 Anthony DiQuattro, timpani*

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## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-c.821*  
*Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.*

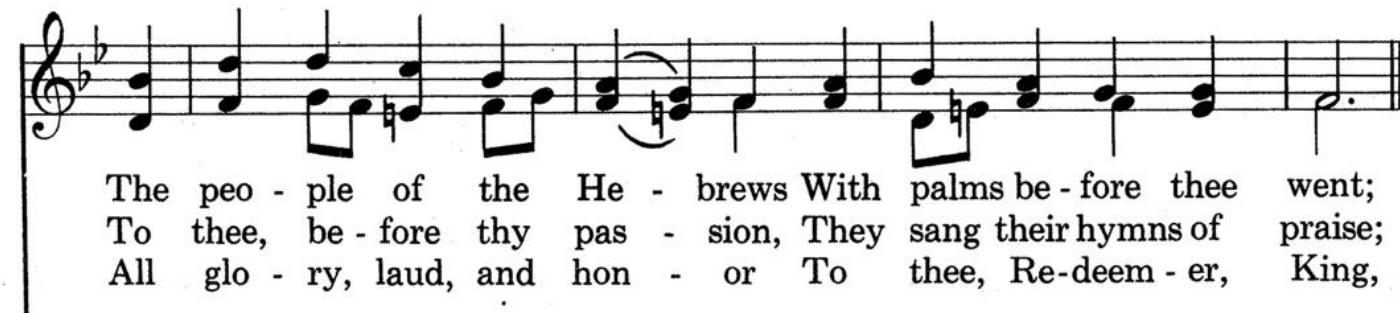
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*Melody by Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635*



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,  
 3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;  
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.



The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;  
 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,



Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

# "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15



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!"

*“The Palms”* Gabriel Fauré

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,  
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,  
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;

(refrain) Join all and sing, His name declare,  
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth and people by its might  
Once more regain freedom from degradation;  
Humanity doth give to each his right,  
While those in darkness find restored the light.

(refrain)

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,  
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation;  
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings for the hope to thee forevermore.

(refrain)

Alleluia

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1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
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# Photos of Israel



Jericho Road



Standing atop the Mount of Olives  
Looking down on Jerusalem and Kidron Valley



Mount of Olives from Jerusalem,  
across the Kidron Valley



The streets of Jerusalem - Via Delorosa





**TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY**, commemorating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, marking the beginning of Holy Week. At the end of today's service, children will parade the aisles waving palms as we sing "*The Palms.*" **Our thanks to the Youth Choirs, director Marnie Kruse and accompanist Phillip Bettencourt**, and to guest instrumentalists, Gretchen Perrett, Steve Perrett and Anthony DeQuattro, for today's music.

**OUR EASTER FOOD BASKET ASSEMBLY IS TODAY!** Immediately following worship, all are invited to gather in the Barn and pack 25 Easter Baskets for our receiving agencies. It is a short, easy and fun activity for both families and individuals alike!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, APRIL 14, AT 7 P.M.** Very limited seating is still available for the in-person service. If you care to watch via Zoom, we will email a list on Monday with the foods needed to participate at home. A link to the service, along with the bulletin, will be emailed on Thursday.

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS, APRIL 15, AT 12 P.M.** Join Rev. Laura Whitmore and Julianne Center as we take a walk through the last hours of Jesus' life. This is a powerful and deeply moving event that will bring you a new sense of wonder at the Resurrection on Easter morning. The Chapel will be open to all on Good Friday, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., for quiet reflection and prayer.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17** Please join us for one of the following: **8:00 a.m. 'Sunrise Service' at Sasco Beach**, rain or shine, led by our Confirmation Class, with Rev. Paul and Laura Whitmore, and our **10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary** with special music with Timpani, Brass and our Choir.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR EASTER DECORATIONS** Help continue our tradition of filling our Sanctuary with lilies and flowers for Easter! You may purchase a plant in **Honor of** or **In Memory of** your loved ones (this information will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin). Each plant is \$15 and you can pick up your plant(s) after Easter Service should you want to enjoy their beauty at home. We have several easy ways to pay.

1. **Text:** 860-854-1995, \$ amt Lily, an example for buying two lilies: \$30 Lily  
Follow-up with Pam by email [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) or phone (203) 255-1594 to provide 'in memory of' or "in honor of" details.
2. **Venmo** @southport\_congregational with the amount and "in memory of" or "in honor of" details.
3. **Online** by clicking the 'Give' button on the landing page of [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org) and select "Give to Lily" as the fund, using the down arrow in the input box. Provide 'in memory

of” or “in honor of” details in the comment box located below your credit card information.

4. **By Check** simply stop by or mail a check with the forms that are available outside the office. Mail to:

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**CHURCH SCHOOL** will meet today in the Chapel with Alisa Ryan and Cari Pfeiffer to prepare for the Palm Parade! Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 this morning with Kaela Cohen and Scarlett Rex.

**CHURCH SCHOOL MUSICAL, “GODSPELL”** We are excited to announce that the Church School will perform “Godspell” on **Children’s Sunday, June 5**, during worship. Rehearsals begin during Church School on April 28, and all children are invited to participate. Other activities will be provided for children who choose not to do so, but we truly hope they can. After the musical, the All-Church Picnic will be held at the Parsonage!

**ART EXHIBIT AT THE KERSHNER GALLERY OPENING, APRIL 9** Men’s Discussion Group member Patrick Burhenne will be part of a three-person art exhibit at the Kershner Gallery in the Fairfield Public Library. The show, *Kaleidoscope*, runs from April 9 through June 4, with an opening reception on April 14.

**ADULT SOCIAL WITH PICKLEBALL, APRIL 29, 6 P.M.** Adults can sign-up to play on the Whitmore's Pickleball Court or choose to hang out with friends, drinking a cool beverage, while watching the fun! Food will be available through Super Duper Weenie and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) by April 17. The rain date is May 6.

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION, SATURDAY, APRIL 30 and SUNDAY, MAY 1** There will be a service on Saturday at 5 p.m., when each of the Confirmands will read their Faith Statements, and the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated in the 10 a.m. Sunday service. Our young people have prepared for a year for these services of faith affirmation so please offer your support by attending.

**OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR PROGRAMS RETURN** Immediately following worship on **May 15**, Revs. Paul and Laura Whitmore will present Part 1 of a 2-part series. The first is *A Final Gift*, a handbook compiled by Laura which will greatly aid your family in dealing with the myriad details at the time of death, relating to a service, legal matters, etc. Many church members and friends who have used this handbook recommend it. Join Laura and Paul and learn all about this resource and the issues you want to consider before your family has to.

***Preparing Your Life, Financially and Legally*** will take place after worship on **May 22**. During this second part, we will have a legal and financial expert discuss the practical hows of implementing the practical elements of preparing your life's final gift as it pertains to wills, bequests, estate planning, and other financial vehicles that help ensure your assets are distributed per your intention upon passing. The objective is to help attendees understand the latest on the legal and financial pieces of life planning.

***THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER RETURNS! MAY 21, 6 P.M.*** This very popular event is back, and we hope you will be there! We will begin with cocktails at the home of one of our members, then break into smaller groups for dinner at assorted homes, and then gather back together for dessert at the Parsonage. RSVP to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) by May 2.

***ST. GEORGE'S COMMUNITY SUPPER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!*** On the third Monday of every month, SCC volunteers provide a bagged dinner meal for a community supper hosted by St. George's Episcopal Church in Bridgeport. Our volunteers prepare the meals in advance and deliver to St. George's in the afternoon. SCC provides condiments, cutlery, napkins, juices, snacks, desserts and bags. We need volunteers to provide the sandwiches and fresh fruit. Your meal prep expenses will be reimbursed. If you would like to volunteer for this needed program, please contact our SCC coordinator Hedy Mosier at [himosey@yahoo.com](mailto:himosey@yahoo.com) for more information.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Tamberlyn Chapman, Beth Santa, Joe Pezzimenti and Jeffrey Earls, under the direction of Deacon Jeff Provost.

***USHERS ARE NEEDED*** every Sunday - please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) if you would like to volunteer!

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR*** is in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship, hosted by Denise Caron-Quinn and Hilary Breier. **Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for future Sundays.** If you would like to volunteer, the Fellowship Committee would be more than happy to lend a hand. Please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) to sign up or to answer any questions - thank you!

***THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM"*** Techs Torin Schott and Jack Waiksnis, directed by Parker Whitmore.

***THE PALMS ADORNING OUR ALTAR*** today are given to the glory of God by The Flower Committee. If you would like to donate an arrangement for Sundays in May and June, please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

***MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP*** meets this Tuesday, April 12, at 4 p.m., in the Youth Room, with Julianne Center.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets this Tuesday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m., in the Youth Room, with dinner gratefully provided by Rev. Laura Whitmore.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets tonight at 5 p.m. at the Parsonage for Pizza and Pickleball. **REMEMBER** we will not meet next Sunday so that you can enjoy Easter Sunday with your family!

**THE MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** meets every Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Youth Room, led by Rev. Paul Whitmore. After this week's meeting on April 14, we will take a one week break and meet again on April 28. All men are welcome to come and grow in faith and fellowship. Email Paul at [pwhitmore@southportucc.org](mailto:pwhitmore@southportucc.org) to be put on the list to receive the email blast about the weekly topic.

**THE WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room, led by Rev. Laura Whitmore. After this week's meeting on April 14, we will take a one week break and meet again on April 28. Join Laura to discuss current events, spirituality, and new psychological ideas and much more. The curriculum runs parallel to the Men's Group, allowing for conversation during the week. To be put on the list to receive the email blast about the weekly topic, contact Laura at [lwhitmore@southportucc.org](mailto:lwhitmore@southportucc.org).

**CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:**

- \***SENIOR CHOIR** rehearses in Sanctuary, Sundays, 9:00 a.m., and in Music Room, 11:15 a.m.
- \***THE HANDBELL CHOIR** rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room.
- \***THE CHERUB CHOIR** rehearses on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Chapel.
- \***THE JUNIOR & TEEN CHOIRS** rehearse on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 6.