

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Liturgist: Missy Newcomer

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SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN

THE HIGHEST

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

WELCOME

The chimes call us to a time of worship

Greeting Liturgist

Prelude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - arr. Burkhardt

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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(Please stand.)

***Call to Worship** Liturgist

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

All: **We give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs! Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*Opening Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #267

PALM SUNDAY

267 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Db Eb Ab

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

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;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb Fm $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880); para. Matthew 21:1-11
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle*, 1784

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***Call to Confession**

***Opening Prayer**

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Passing the Peace**

One: As a forgiven and reconciled people - let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you!"

Response: "And also with you"

Special Music

"The Palms" - arr. Belcher

Chancel Bells, Director: Rev. Daniel Doty

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Anthem

"Lift Up Your heads and Sing!" - Wagner

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,

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that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

*Hymn of Preparation

"Outside the Holy City"

(words on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some

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Outside the Holy City

1. Outside the holy city
Unnumbered footsteps throng,
And crowded mart and streets of trade
Fling back a swelling song.
The voices echo nearer,
In flaming hope they sing:
Throw down your branches at His feet!
Hosanna to the King!

2. Once more beside a city
The Son of David waits,
Once more the children throng to bring
A welcome at the gates.
Within are hearts sore burdened
And feet that go astray;
O Christ of God, come near and walk
Our city streets today!

3. The branches that we offer
Are no unmeaning sign;
Take Thou the hands we lift on high
And make them wholly Thine.
No songs of shallow welcome
Are these we raise to Thee;
O give us faith to face the cross
And set Thy city free!

4. A distant music mingles
With all our songs today,
The chorale from a city fair
Where sin has passed away.
There rides the Christ triumphant
And victor songs ring clear;
O God, give us the strength to build
With Christ that city here!

thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

*"What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?:
Jesus' Death: What about Suffering?"* - Rev. Daniel Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

"The Palms" - Faure

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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(Please stand.)

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

“Near the Cross” #479
(words and music on page 9)

***Benediction**

***Congregation Response**

“Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.”

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Postlude

“Lift Up Your Heads” - arr. Burkhardt

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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Near the Cross

F B \flat F C7 Dm B \flat F F C C

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

F B \flat F C7 Dm B \flat F C C7 F

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain
 F B \flat F B \flat F F C C

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,

F Gm F A7 Dm B \flat F C C C7 F

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 MUSIC: William H. Doane (1832-1915)

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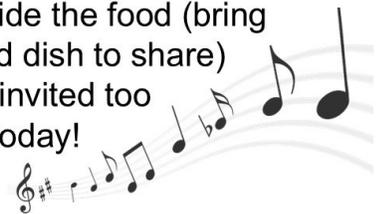
Easter SUN. APRIL 5 **6:30 AM** ~~10 AM~~



**Tuesday, April 7,
6:00 PM**
In the Fellowship Hall

Women's Fellowship invites **EVERYONE** to a fun evening of music and fellowship!

- Derek Read, from Big D's Records, will provide the music
- You provide the food (bring a covered dish to share)
- Men are invited too
- Sign up today!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

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THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723. *Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm*

The Ashley Family

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



2026 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: 2026 Memorial Scholarship Applications are now available online. All parts of the application are due on Thursday, April 2nd, by 3:00 pm.



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We prefer that you use the online version of our directory, but if you would like a printed copy, you can request one by emailing Cathy Cotter, info@fcctallmadge.org. Please consider a \$5 donation if requesting a paper version, to help defer the cost of printing.



The 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday school class will be touring the Ronald McDonald House on April 19th. Please bring your pop tabs in by then so we can donate them that day.

Questions: Dianne Drummond 330-701-8231.

Easter Special Music Donation 2026

The 10:00 AM Easter service on April 5 will feature a brass quintet sponsored by our "Special Music Fund." Please consider contributing to this fund as a memorial or honorary gift. Simply fill out this form, then place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with your check made out to First Congregational Church of Tallmadge. In the memo line at the bottom of your check, please write "Easter Special Music Donation." Names of those honored will be listed in the bulletin.

Forms must be returned to the office by March 29nd.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

If you are ordering flowers and donating money for music, PLEASE PROVIDE 2 SEPARATE CHECKS

Message _____



Returning to Our Roots Giving Wall: Our confirmands and their leaders are heading to Boston next month as they begin a special journey to explore the roots of our ancestors. We invite you to support them through our Returning to Our Roots Giving Wall. Simply choose an envelope and donate the amount listed. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate, in the designated collection box, or returned to Anne Perlick in the church office. You are also encouraged to leave a note of encouragement for our youth travelers. Thank you for supporting our confirmands as they take part in this important journey of faith and discovery.



Tallmadge Good Neighbors will give gift cards to families in need of assistance at this time of year. Gift cards from grocery stores and department stores like Walmart, Target, and Meijer would be appreciated. In order to support these families, please bring gift cards to church and put them in the offering plate or give them to Cathy in the office by March 30th.

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*
Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*
Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

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