



OUR MISSION

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, seeks to have a three-fold ministry in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20):

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls of all nationalities into a vital relationship with the Son of God.

"... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the family of God.

"... teaching them to observe all I have commanded you ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Word of God.

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AND THEY THAT WENT
BEFORE, AND THEY THAT
FOLLOWED, CRIED,
SAYING, HOSANNA;
BLESSED IS HE THAT
COMETH IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD.

MARK 11:9

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

*Merciful God,
as we enter Holy Week and gather at Your house of prayer,
may our hearts turn again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that united with Christ and all the faithful
we may one day enter in triumph
the City not made with human hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where with You and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory forever, Amen.*

*From the **Book of Common Worship**, c. 1993*

INTROIT (outside)

The Palms

J. Faure

The congregation is invited to join in the refrain:

*Join all and sing, His name declare, let every voice resound with acclamation,
Hosannah! Praise ye the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*(from Psalm 24: 9-10, 118:26 and the **Book of Common Worship**, c. 1993)*

Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in!

WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY!

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

HOSANNAH IN THE HIGHEST!

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed Him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before Him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet Him as our King, although we know His crown is thorns and His throne a cross. We follow Him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by the dark road of suffering and death. Let us pray:

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY WITH YOUR HELP, LORD GOD OF OUR SALVATION, THAT WE MAY ENTER WITH JOY INTO THE CELEBRATION OF THOSE MIGHTY ACTS WHEREBY YOU GIVE US LIFE AND IMMORTALITY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

***HYMN**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison):

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE HAVE ERRED AND STRAYED FROM YOUR WAYS. WE HAVE FOLLOWED TOO MUCH THE DEVICES AND DESIRES OF OUR OWN HEARTS. WE HAVE OFFENDED AGAINST YOUR HOLY LAWS. WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE, AND WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT NOT TO HAVE DONE. O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISES DECLARED TO THE WORLD IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AND GRANT, O MERCIFUL GOD, FOR HIS SAKE, THAT WE MAY LIVE HOLY, JUST AND HUMBLE LIVES TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME, AMEN.

(From The Worship Sourcebook, c. 2004)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

***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, amen.*

DEDICATION OF THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Stephen Parkinson, Baritone

RESPONSIVE READING

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN**

Hosannah, Loud Hosannah

SERMON

OUR HIGH AND LOWLY CALLING

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

OFFERING

**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!*

**Prayer of Dedication*

***HYMN**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
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!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
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,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
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!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9

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Gesangbuch, Wirttemberg, 1784

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

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,

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 heav'n, our King;

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

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 - joyce! A - men.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE READING

From Psalm 118, Matthew 21, Luke 19, and Mark 11
(New International Version, King James and New English Bibles)

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

LET ISRAEL SAY: "HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

OPEN TO ME THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; THAT I MAY ENTER THROUGH THEM AND GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

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

I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR YOU ANSWERED ME; YOU HAVE BECOME MY SALVATION.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. O LORD, SAVE US; O LORD, GRANT US SUCCESS.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless You.

THE LORD IS GOD, AND HE HAS MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE UPON US. WITH BOUGHS IN HAND, JOIN IN THE FESTAL PROCESSION UP TO THE HORNS OF THE ALTAR.

You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

They were now approaching Jerusalem, and when they reached Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples with these instructions:

"GO TO THE VILLAGE AHEAD OF YOU, AND AS YOU ENTER IT, YOU WILL FIND TETHERED THERE A COLT WHICH NO ONE HAS YET RIDDEN. UNTIE IT AND BRING IT HERE."

If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here without delay.'

THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET: "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, MEEK AND RIDING ON A DONKEY, ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tethered at a door. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

THEY ANSWERED AS JESUS HAD TOLD THEM, AND THE PEOPLE LET THEM GO. SO THEY BROUGHT THE COLT TO JESUS AND SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON IT, AND HE MOUNTED.

Many people carpeted the road with their cloaks, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! BLESSED IS THE COMING KINGDOM OF OUR FATHER DAVID! PEACE IN HEAVEN AND GLORY IN THE HIGHEST!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," He replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred. "Who is this?" people asked.

AND THE CROWD REPLIED, "THIS IS JESUS, THE PROPHET FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE."

The Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.



PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, c. 1993,
"Alternative Text for Use on Passion/Palm Sunday"

"Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake."

Christ our Teacher, for us You were obedient, even unto death:

SO TEACH US TO OBEY GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS.

Christ our Life, by Your death and resurrection You destroyed the power of sin and death:

ENABLE US TO DIE WITH YOU, AND TO RISE WITH YOU IN GLORY.

Christ our Strength, You were despised, rejected and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

TEACH US THE HUMILITY BY WHICH YOU SAVED US.

Christ our Salvation, You gave Your life out of love for us:

SO HELP US TO LOVE YOU AND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Christ our Savior, on the cross You embraced all time with Your outstretched arms:

GATHER THE SCATTERED CHILDREN OF GOD OF EVERY TIME AND EVERY PLACE INTO YOUR KINGDOM.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

GRANT US THY PEACE.

Eternal God: as we are baptized into Jesus' death, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with Him and be born again to life abundant and eternal. For He is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray, "OUR FATHER ..."

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.
Ps. 72:7

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Presbyterian
Warwick, Rhode Island

March 28, 2021

WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping online! As done each Sunday these past 53 weeks, the service will be archived and posted after the benediction and should be available for viewing and/or downloading for at least one week. A special word of welcome to any and all visiting with us in person or online this morning ... welcome to our fellowship!

FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Sandra Olson in loving memory of her and Ken's parents, Florence & Donald Smith and Anne & Eric Olson, and by Bob Whitney in loving memory of his wife's late grandmother and former member of Greenwood Church, Dorothy Williams.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in the church parlor and online using Zoom. We start at 8:00 AM for an optional social time, and then class is 8:30-9:15 when we read and discuss the lectionary readings. Email Kevin Golde (kevingolde@gmail.com) to receive the weekly readings and the Zoom link.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATES! July 12 - July 16. VBS "DESTINATION DIG!" where kids will discover more than dirt when they unearth exciting evidence that biblical events were not just stories. We can't wait to explore a new EXPERIENCE and have a blast at VBS this year! Ages: four through entering grade 6. See Ginny Jacobs to volunteer.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) *"You Shall be Called Repairers of the Breach - Isaiah 58"* Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to build God's household and welcome our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through OGHS. This offering, traditionally collected during Lent, began in response to the devastation of World War II. During a Saturday evening nationwide radio broadcast, Americans were asked to "give generously" to the offering the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded. This nationwide united effort by America's Christians strengthened the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas and proved to all the world the great power generated when Christians unite in a common cause. The Mission Committee thanks everyone who has responded to this call to help others around the world find hope for a brighter future. We will continue to accept gifts to this ministry through the end of April. Please use the OGHS offering envelopes at the sanctuary entryways, in your box of offering envelopes or the OGHS online account for your donation. **THANK YOU FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE!**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service with Holy Communion
7:30 P.M.

Good Friday

Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation 12:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Liturgical Service of Worship 1:30 P.M.

Easter Sunday

Service of Worship 9:30 A.M.

Full Choir, Soloists, String Quartet, Organ and Timpani

All services will also be available on live stream at www.gccp.org

Join us **Saturday, April 3, 12:30 P.M.** with your basket for an **EASTER EGG HUNT** on the church lawn! Due to pandemic precautions we will not have our usual indoor crafts and activities, but we will have handout activities for the children to take home.

Following the Easter Egg Hunt all are invited to join us for **EASTER CAROLING** to our friends and shut-ins. Similar to our Christmas caroling caravan in December, we will convene in the church parking lot. You will receive an itinerary and music booklet (*both of which will also be available as a PDF by request, via email at music@gccp.org or telephone at 401-543-5219*). With so many members of our congregation still unable to join us in person for worship, we are eager to visit as many of our dear church family as we can, distancing appropriately and driving in our own vehicles. As was the case at Christmas, the list will be ambitious, but due to this format of using separate vehicles, you are welcome to join us for any/all of the day's excursion; we would love to have you, and your presence will be so meaningful to those we visit!

Last call for **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "GIFTS OF THE HEART"** -A donation box is on the Fellowship Hall stage. Thank you for your support of this project! **Items needed:** 15" x 28" hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, (wrapped) bars of soap, (boxed) toothbrushes.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.