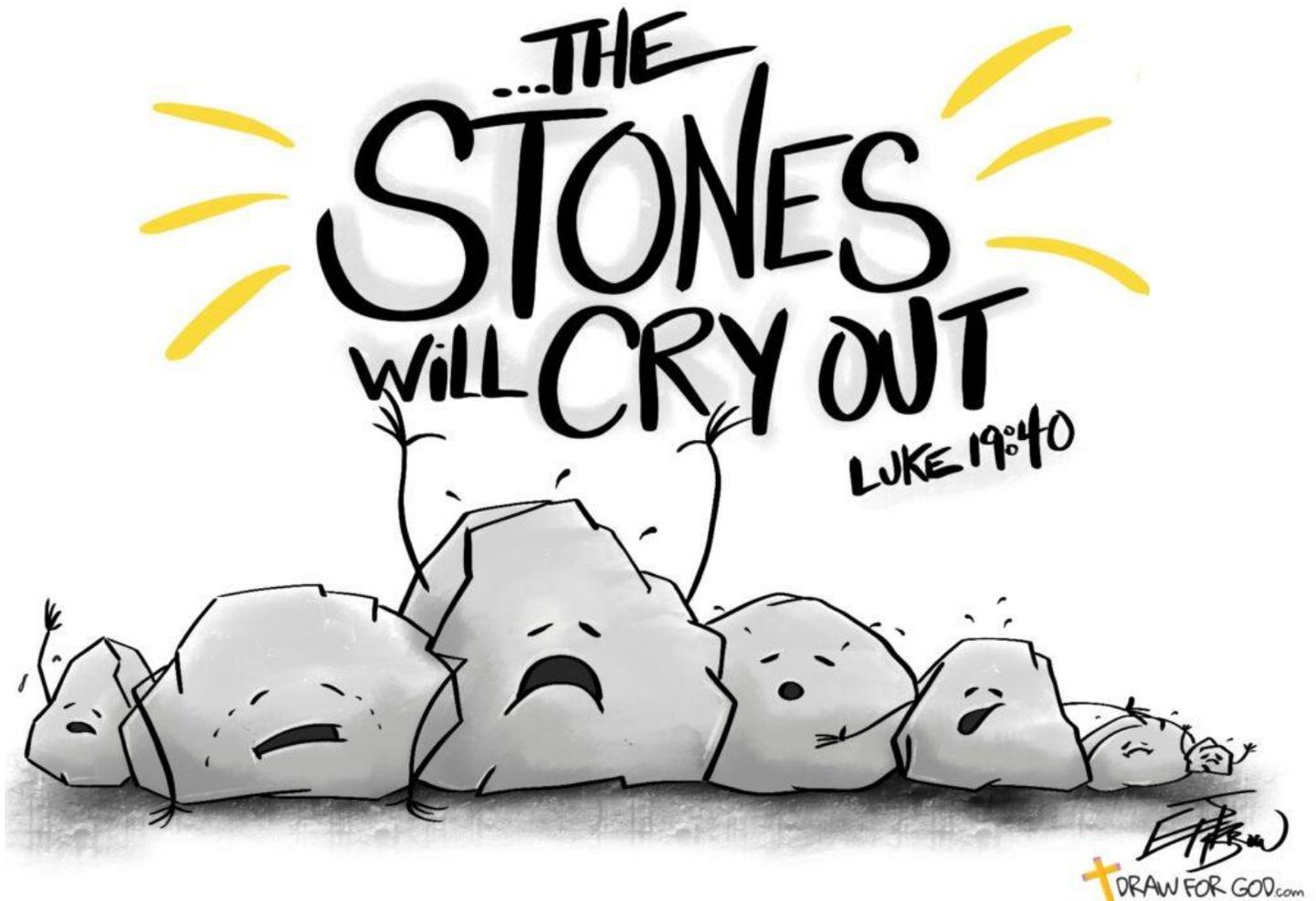


First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097

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Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022 ~ 9:30 am

Service of Prayers for Palm Sunday

“Shout Hosanna”

April 10, 2022

Prelude

Sung: **God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!**

God’s love is strong! And it never ends!

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by the hymn “Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,” by Jennette Threlfall (1873), The New Century Hymnal #213

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: Blessed is the one who comes.

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: May the rivers of justice run.

One: Children singing, families dancing,

Many: The elders give a shout!

One: Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

Many: Even the stones cry out!

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

Many: May our refrain never cease.

One: Not by power nor by might,

Many: But the way that makes for peace.

***Song of Joy**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CH#192

Words: Theodulph of Orleans c. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861; desc. O.I. Cricket Harrison,
1994

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

You are a child of Israel, Great David’s greater son;

you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!

**The company of angels are praising you on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.**

INVOCATION

Hosanna to the Holy One.
Hosanna! Shouts of praise!
Come, we cry. Lord Jesus, come!
We gather in Your Name.

CONFESSION

Consummate Creator, Lover of Life, Giver of all that is Good,
We have forsaken our calling and abandoned your love.
We have paid lip service to life while serving the powers of death.
Violence parades through the streets of our world.
It normalizes oppression and disavows truth,
Without regard for human life.
We see it in our schools, our sanctuaries, our soil.
We find it on the borders of our nations and our neighborhoods.
In our politics.
In our pockets.
In our religion.
In our relationships,
Violence has invaded the habits of our hearts.
The time for transformation has come upon us
And found us unprepared.

Creation groans, the stones shout out.
The Church has remained silent.
Forgive us we pray.
Revive our communities.
Restore our hosannas.
Rekindle our flame for justice.
That again we may join with Creation and proclaim,
“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Silence

ASSURANCE

One: Hear and receive the good news.
God has not abandoned us to the violence of this world.
The power of life that brought creation into being is with us.
The Prince of Peace has come, with grace, mercy, and forgiveness.
Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Many: Hosanna! Glory be to God. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Invitation to Imagination

Gospel Reading Luke 19: 28-40

Message

Rev Nancy J White

***Song of Response Tell Me the Stories of Jesus CH#190**

Words: William H. Parker, 1885 Music: Frederick A. Challinor, 1903

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;**

**words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

**In to the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

Prayers of the People

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

One: Hosanna to the God who loves us,
Who heals us.
Who calls us to give ourselves
For the sake of the world,
When we were afraid, God, you became our fortress.
When we were lost, God, you were our way.
When we were alone, God, you were there beside us.
In you, we live.
In you, we move.
In you, we are made whole,
You have showered us with blessing.
We offer our gratitude.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

DEDICATION

May these gifts be used to bring healing, wholeness, and joy to the world God so dearly loves. Amen.

***Song of Response O God of Love. O Power of Peace CH#676**

Words: Henry W. Baker, 1861, alt. Music: Robert Schumann, 1839, adapt.

**O God of love, O Power of peace,
make wars Through-out the world to cease.
The wrath of human sin re-strain give peace,
O God, give peace again!**

**Whom shall we trust, O God, but you,
where rest but on your word so true?
None ever called on you in vain give peace,
O God, give peace again!**

**Where saints and angels dwell above,
all hearts are joined in holy love.
O bind us in that heav'nly chain give peace,
O God, give peace again!**

***Benediction**

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May God's face shine upon us. May we carry God's peace into the world, offering the wholeness and healing we have received. May our lives be our Hosannas. Amen.

Postlude



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