

**Rangeley Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
*Palm Sunday***

April 14, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

*In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.*

*Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.*

—Traditional Spiritual

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE "Prelude on Holy Manna"
Tune: HOLY MANNA/Arr. Cathy Marker

ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

WORDS OF WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19:28-40

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (**Unison**)

Triumphant God, who comes to us as one who seeks and serves, lead us through the events of this Holy Week, that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives and embody Christ's spirit in the world. Bless our worship and these branches we bear, so that our very being shall cry aloud, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*GATHERING HYMN (Bulletin Page 7)

"The Palms"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: #207 (NCH)

"Just as I Am"

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 22:1-23:56

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #223 (NCH)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

SERVICE OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

(As you name a joy or concern later in the prayer, please finish by saying “This is my prayer.” The church family responds by saying “This is our prayer.”)

***We pray for:** Victor Somma (Corinne’s Sorenson’s brother-in-law); Tom Yoder (Paula Hatfield’s brother-in-law); Family and friends of Maxine Sargent and Ina Booker; Eva McMillan (medical tests); Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubai’s son Steven); Zeb Wentzell (Terri Wentzell’s grandson); Becky Walker; Kris Nozal (Marcia Baker’s niece); Karen Lantz; Haelyn Vorous; our law enforcement personnel, first responders and the communities they serve; our military personnel worldwide; and all those who serve our country. And we hold in prayer those friends and members of our church family who are unable to join us in worship today.*

OUR LORD’S PRAYER (“forgive us our sins”)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

CHORAL AMEN #812 (NCH)

“Threefold Amen”

SERVICE OF GIVING

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

“Starry, Starry Night”

Don McLean/Arr. Ron Mallory

*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 (**Unison**)

Lord Jesus, you expressed your kingship not by taking but by giving, not by demanding but by sacrificing. Bless us and these gifts as we strive to follow your example. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #222 (NCH)

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Joyous Jubilee”
Brian Heinlein

~Special Thanks to:

- + Liturgist – Lourrie Chandler
- + Passion Narrative Readers: Rick Baker, Ray Franson, Scott Hatfield, Millie Hoekstra, Les Hoekstra, Sam Meehan, Don Miller, Annette Mott, Derek Wendelken
- + Ushers – Sam and Kelsey Meehan
- + Sunday School – Margie Jamison
- + Coffee Hour – Paula and Scott Hatfield, Mary Richards
- + Special Music – Thank you to the Rangeley Ringers for the special music today:
Carol Batchelder, Marie Beauregard, Donna Brown, Dawn Drexler, Zenna Inness, Linda Jones, Mary Richards, Susan Tourtillotte, Linda Wendelken, Ana Wetherill, Judy Wicken



~ This Week:

- + The "Commandments" Bible Study, Sunday 4/14, 11:30 (or so) after a short coffee hour. The focus will be the seventh commandment forbidding adultery.
- + Rangeley Ringers – Monday, 4/15, 8 am, Sanctuary
- + Prayer Shawl Ministry – Monday, 4/15, 2-3:30 pm, Barn

- ✦ Pastor Annette's "walk-in" hours – Tuesday 4/16, 1-3 pm in her office
- ✦ Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service, Thursday, 4/18, 5 p.m. in the Barn (a simple meal of soup and bread will be served), followed by the draping of the cross in the Sanctuary

~ Next Week:

Deacons – Monday, 4/22, 4pm, East Room

~Announcements:

- ✦ Please consider brightening our sanctuary with Easter Plants, or making a donation for Fuel Assistance.
- ✦ Rick Baker, Church Council President, will review the Bylaws updates on April 28, May 19, and June (date to be determined), for any who are interested in the East Room after the Service. These will be voted upon at our July Annual Meeting.
- ✦ We are looking for someone interested in a very-part-time job as Church Secretary. For more information please contact Rick Baker, Linda Wendelken or Kathy Brittain.
- ✦ Through April 24, the Church Secretary will be in the office on Monday, from 11 am – 1 pm, and will be available other times by appointment.

Palm Branches (The Palms)

*Verse 1: 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.*

*Chorus: 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!*

*Verse 2: His Word goes forth, and peoples by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.*

Chorus

*Verse 3: Sing, and rejoice, O, blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forever more.*

Chorus

Sheet music is available in the Narthex

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EASTER PLANTS OR FUEL ASSISTANCE



The Deacons again will arrange for Easter plants or the option of a donation to Fuel Assistance.

If you wish to contribute a plant or make a donation please send this form and a check for \$8.00 (made out to RCC) to P.O. Box 218 Rangeley, ME 04970, or drop off the form and a check to the church office by Thursday, April 18. Thank you.

PLEASE DESIGNATE PLANT OR DONATION:

Circle: PLANT DONATION

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