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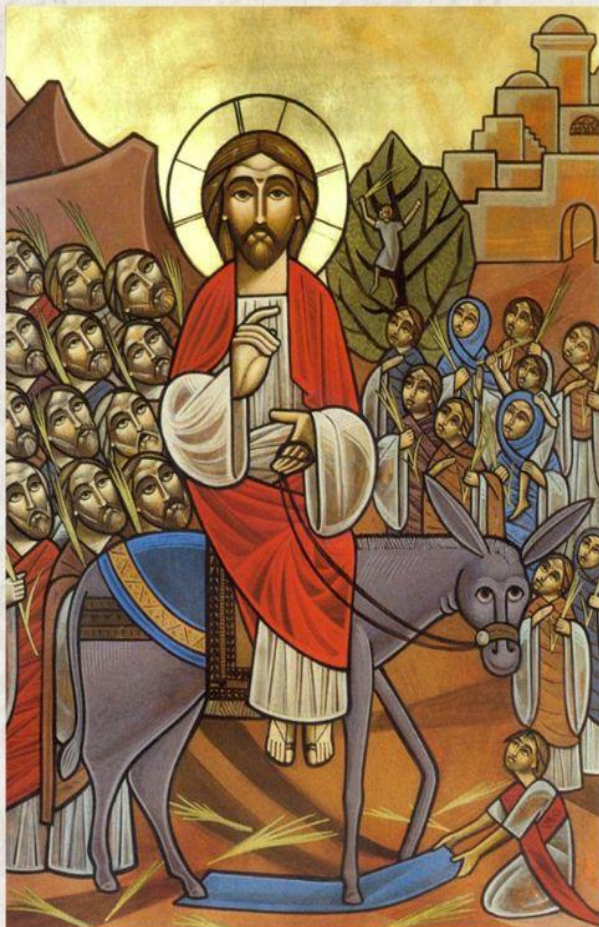
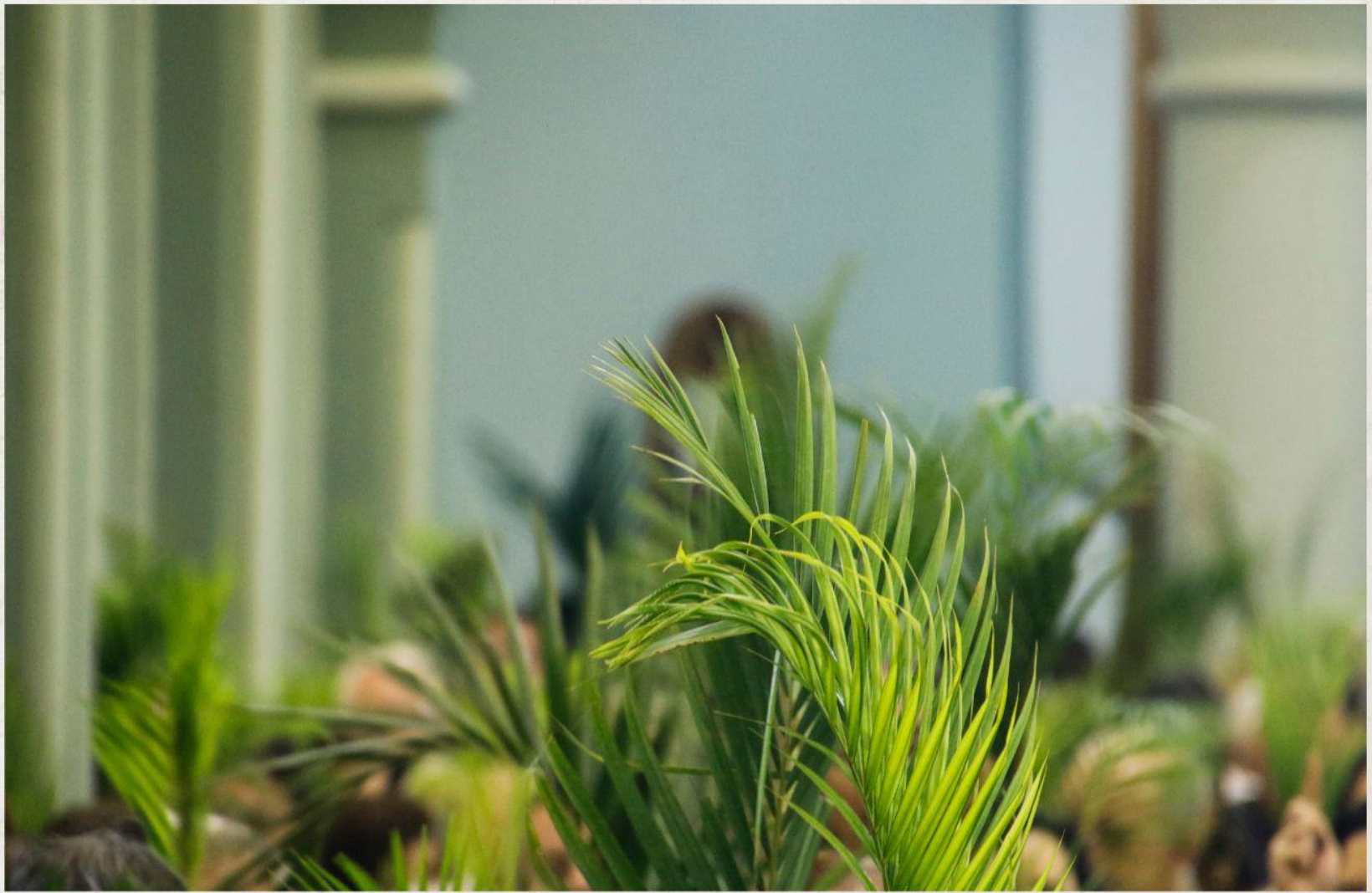
# GOOD NEWS

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## A Kingdom for All

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### Mark 11:7-10

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Then they brought the colt to Jesus... Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"





# Arlington Community Church United Church of Christ

*...called to be stewards of creation & to build a just  
society based upon the inspiration of our faith*

## Sunday, March 24, 2024

### ~ Palm Sunday ~



*“For peace and reconciliation become possible when common folk with uncommon courage oppose exclusionary practices and policies and together stand with “the one who comes in the name of the Lord” History is replete with the stories of common folk who have recognized that we are able to accomplish more together than we can alone; stories that we might reclaim and rehearse as we continue our Lenten journey. They include the women and men who provided safe passage on the Underground Railroad for persons seeking freedom from chattel slavery in the United States in the mid-nineteenth century. Remember also Dietrich Bonhoeffer and others in the Confessing Church in the 1930s, who took a definitive stance that their loyalty was to Jesus as Lord, not to Hitler and the Nazis. Youths in South Africa stood against apartheid and formed the African National Congress Youth League in 1944 under the leadership of Nelson Mandela, envisioning a world in which racial domination would no longer exist.”*

—Veronice Miles, *Feasting on the Word: Year A, Volume 2: Lent through Eastertide*

# Gathering for Worship

*\*\*Worship will begin outside today!  
Join us as we sing and process together!*

*\*Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand if able.*

**\*\*Processional**

*“Prepare Ye (the Way of the Lord)”*

*From the musical *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz*

***Prepare ye the Way of the Lord!***

***Prepare ye the Way of the Lord!***

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

\* Gathering Words

Elena Caruthers

One: Kingdom-bringing God,

**Many: Who entered Jerusalem with intention  
Choosing a colt to ride**

One: Send your Holy Spirit into our worship  
To open our hearts and minds

**Many: That we may find courage to believe  
in the good news Jesus proclaimed.**

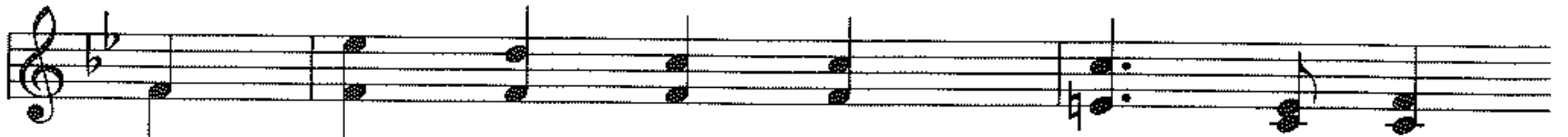
One: “The Kingdom of God has come near.”

**Many: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord”**

\* Opening Hymn      *“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”* NCH #215



1 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!  
2 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!  
3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!  
4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!



O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,  
As crowds of peo - ple come to see  
Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;  
For you have set your peo - ple free



On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,  
And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high  
Be - hold the ones you came to save  
And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,



as palms and cloaks are spread for you.  
their praise for one a - bout to die.  
from sense - less life and end - less grave.  
now meet a - gain to hail your reign.

\* Declaration of God's Love

\* Passing the Peace

*To share the peace with those worshipping online, please face the camera behind the lectern and offer a heart, a wave or other sign of peace.*

## Gratitude and Stillness

### Naming Our Gratitude

*We name into our space those things  
for which we are grateful.*

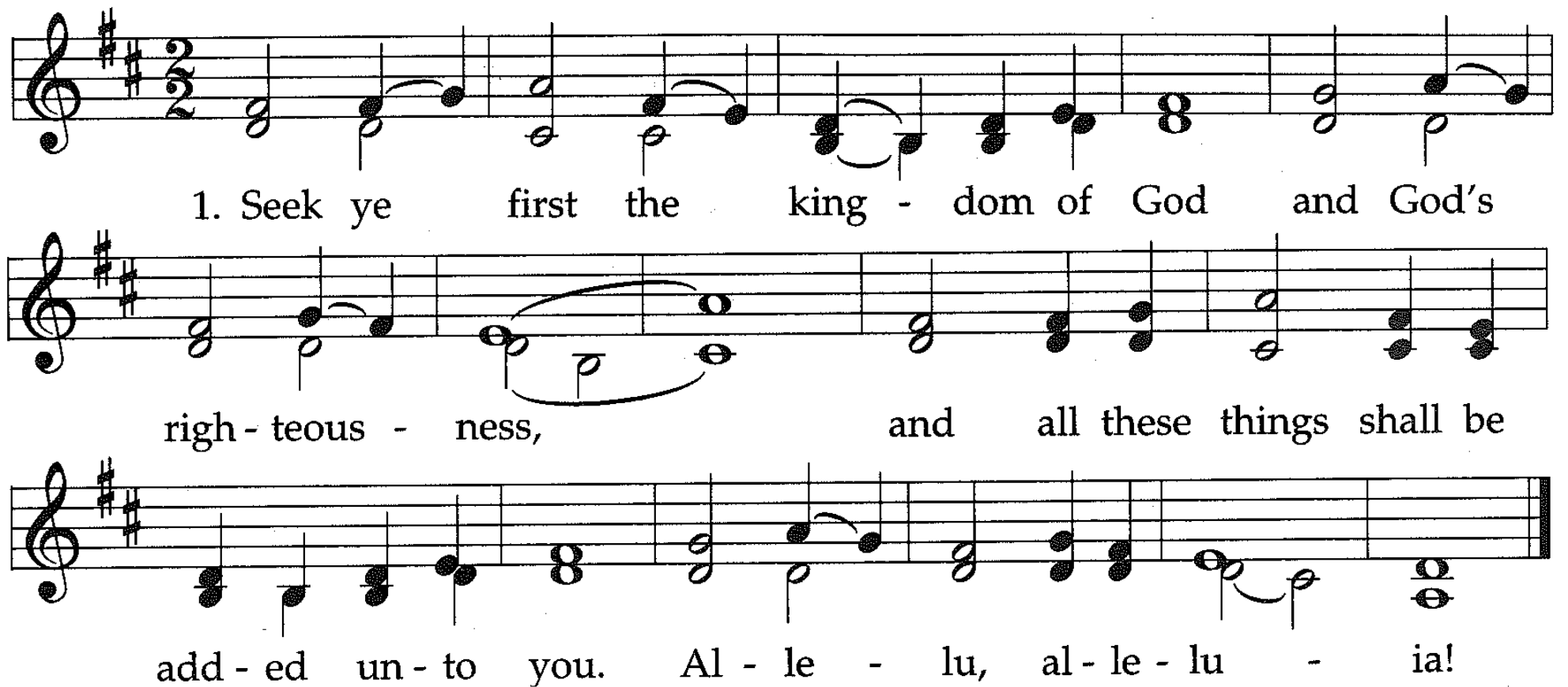
### Silence for Meditation & Bell

*Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around.*

# Praying for Our World

Call to Prayer

“Seek Ye First” CH#354 (VS 1) 2x



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's  
righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Lighting of the Prayer Candles

Elena Caruthers

*Each Sunday we light candles for victims of the wars of our world and for those affected by gun violence, praying for justice, freedom from oppression, relief from suffering, and peace.*

Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*At the end of the Morning Prayer,  
please join in with words that are comfortable to you.*

**Our [Father/Mother/Creator] who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come, your 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 yours is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response

“Seek Ye First” CH#354 (VS 1)

# Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice

Special Music

The ACC Choir

*"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

By Robert Leaf

Moment for the Young & Young at Heart Rev. Jen Chapman

Special Music

The ACC Bell Choir

*"Into the Woods My Master Went II"*

By Peter Lutkin arr. by Frances L. Callahan

Scripture

Elena Caruthers

*Mark 11:1-11, NRSVUE*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

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

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.





Interpreting for Our Time

Rev. Jen Chapman

*“Good News: A Kingdom for All”*

Sermon Response *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* CH#344 (VS 1 & 2)



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -



Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

# Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Elena Caruthers

One: As we listen to Jesus and follow, as the Spirit continues to speak, we are inspired to serve and to give. May we continue to support the work of this church and the wider United Church of Christ with our ongoing pledges and our morning offering.

Offertory

Susan Russell

*"Ride on King Jesus"*

African-American Spiritual, arranged by H.T. Burleigh

\* Response

*"What Does the Lord Require of Me?"*

What does the Lord re - quire of you? What does the  
Lord re - quire of me? Jus - tice kind - ness  
walk hum - bly with your God. To seek jus - tice  
and love kind - ness and walk hum - bly with your God.

Prayer of Dedication

All: God of hope, receive these gifts and use them for the breaking in of your Kingdom, to bring about your will, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us courage to believe in the good news Jesus proclaimed, to lay down our fears and shout hopeful Hosanna's, to look to Jesus and the Kingdom he proclaimed for salvation, not just for ourselves, but for all. Amen.

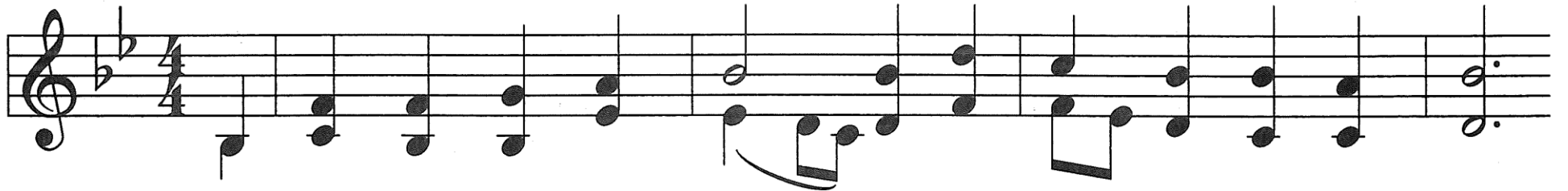


# Moving Out to the World

## Announcements

### \*Closing Hymn

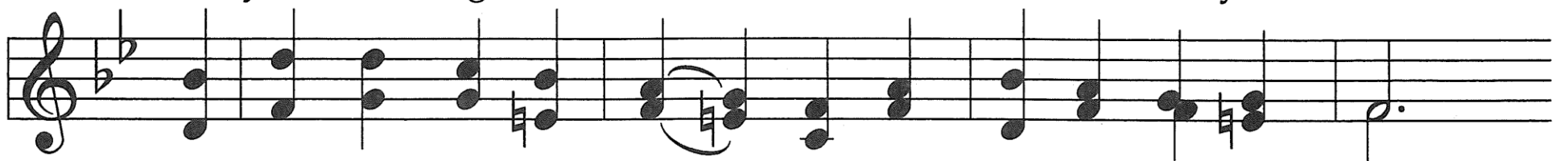
*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* CH#192



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re-deem-er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.



You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da-vid's great-er son;  
The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore you went;  
As you re-ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.



you ride in low - ly tri - umph, Mes - si - ah, bless - ed one!  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
Since you de - light in good - ness, rule in our hearts to - day.

### \* Words of Blessing

Rev. Jen Chapman

### Postlude

Tim K. Murphy

*"Allegro Maestoso"*

Excerpt from *Water Music* by George Frederic Handel

## Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

*Join us for Social Hour in the Social Hall after Morning Worship!*

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Brookes, Ron Yourd, Susan Yourd,  
Susan Russell, & Linda Young  
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# Upcoming Events at Arlington Community Church

## The Week at a Glance

|               |          |                                     |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sun, Mar 24   | 11:15 AM | Spectrum: Book Discussion           |
| Mon, Mar 25   | 5 & 6 PM | Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal        |
| Tues, Mar 26  | 11:00 AM | Checking In & Reaching Out          |
| Thurs, Mar 28 | 6:00 PM  | Maundy Thursday                     |
| Fri, Mar 29   | 7:00 PM  | Good Friday Joint Services: OCC     |
| Sun, Mar 31   | 10:00 AM | EASTER SUNDAY Worship & Social Hour |

### **TODAY!** Sunday, March 24 at 2PM- Spectrum Book Discussion: *Decolonizing Palestine*

We will have an opportunity to discuss this book following morning worship in the Fireside Room. Whether you read the book or not, join us for the discussion.

### **Tuesday, March 26 at 11AM- Checking In & Reaching Out**

Discussion: *How is the Christian observance of Lent and Holy Week like/unlike the Muslim observance of Ramadan?*

### **Spiritual Journeys: Rev. Barry Cammer Postponed**

We're looking for a future date. More information to be announced soon!

### **Thursday, March 28 at 6PM- Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Service**

A supper of soup and bread will be shared in a spirit of Holy Communion as we spend time around tables in discussion, singing, Scripture reading, and prayer. Join us in Social Hall from 6 to 7:30pm.

### **Friday, March 29 at 7PM- Good Friday Service at Orinda Community Church**

Join us in person or online as we gather with our Bay Area United Church of Christ family for this special service of prayer, music, and reflection.

### **Sunday, March 31 at 10AM- Easter Sunday**

Join us (and bring a friend!) as we gather for a joyful celebration of the story of Jesus' resurrection and the new life the risen Christ invites us to embrace, a life of deep connection to God and to one another. We'll sing and rejoice, pray for our world, hear beautiful music, and begin a new sermon series titled, "Together". Children will enjoy goody bags and an indoor egg hunt activity (for all ages!) as part of the service. Be sure to stay for bunny cake and fellowship in Social Hall!

[www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/events-at-acc](http://www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/events-at-acc)





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To be an Open and Affirming  
Spiritual center, which welcomes people  
Of all ages, races, mental and physical abilities,  
Sexual orientations and gender identities  
into our diverse **community**.



As a **Jubilee congregation**, we believe in  
building an economy that serves, protects,  
& promotes participation of the most vulnerable.



**A Creation Justice Church**  
Where all individuals who feel called to be a "voice for  
this planet" can be part of this mission, regardless of  
religious affiliations.