

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2020  
9:30 am**

PRELUDE

*Festive March*

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

†HYMN #278 SEE INSERT

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
Joe Gibbons, *Hymn Leader*

ELLACOMBE

CANDLE RITUAL  
Charise Nulsen

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Leader: Come, Come O Holy One.  
Come through the streets.  
Come into the house  
Come to find a space beside us at the table.  
Come to challenge our answers about:

All: **Why tragedy comes  
Why poverty increases  
Why we are afraid.**

Leader: Come O Holy One.  
Speak to us in the silence

All: **With wisdom greater than ours  
With love deeper than ours  
With change wider than ours.**

*(Shared Silence)*

All: **Come, O Holy One.  
Fill in these stories  
with your wisdom  
with your love  
with your change  
So that we might rely on your answers.  
Here and now. Amen**

- From UCC Worship Ways 2012

BEHAVIORAL COVENANT (See pg. 3)

SHARING OUR GIFTS

## THE OFFERTORY

### †THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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\*\* Amen**

\*You may substitute God/Her   \*\*You may substitute Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS

### THE INVITATION PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Participants will prepare and supply their own bread and cup. It is your choice if you want to physically break your own bread during communion or prepare it beforehand and eat and drink what you have prepared when asked to do so. We eat the bread while focusing on our individual and unique relationship with God and drink the cup together, expressing that we are one in the Spirit of Christ.

### COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God – We give thanks for the opportunity to experience your presence in the sharing of this special meal. We are grateful for the example of Jesus who taught unconditional acceptance through his sharing of meals with all and everyone. For being united with and experiencing the love that is beyond understanding we express deep gratitude. Amen**

HYMN #620 vs.2 SEE INSERT

“One Bread, One Body”

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19: 28-39

Amy Bruch

ANTHEM

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
Joe Gibbons, soloist

WONDROUS LOVE

SERMON

“The Parade is Essential Business”

Martin Riekert

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts*)

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

†HYMN #280 SEE INSERT

vs. 1,3,4

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Joe Gibbons, *Hymn Leader*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*With Palms Before Him Went*

Douglas Wagner

## **Covenant of the Congregational Church of Topsfield:**

This covenant of community is an expression of our collective values and a statement of promise to one another and to God about how we are church together.

Building this community is an ongoing spiritual process. We promise to develop skills and create practices that strengthen the bonds of relationships.

We promise to speak to each other directly, compassionately, and honestly - even when it is hard.

We promise to embrace curiosity and wonder, recognizing that differences in opinions are opportunities for greater understanding. And should we at times fail, we promise to seek forgiveness and work towards reconciliation.



CCoT WORSHIP SERVICE VIA ZOOM - 9:30 a.m.  
Meeting ID: 668 762 206

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