

*The United Methodist Church
12 Commerce Street
Clinton, CT*

Palm Sunday ~ Holy Communion Service

April 13, 2025



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgments of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime." - Martin Luther

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

L: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

P: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

L: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

P: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

L: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage our path of faith.

P: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

*Opening Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#278

Please be seated

Opening Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny Him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pause for a moment of reflection

Assurance of Grace

Leader: It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and blessed!
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share with each other peace and reconciliation.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

FIRST SYMBOL

Palms
The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

SECOND SYMBOL

Jar of Ointment
The Anointing for Burial

Matthew 26:6-13

THIRD SYMBOL

Bowl of Water & Towel
The Foot Washing

John 13:1-17

FOURTH SYMBOL

Bread & Cup
The Last Supper

Mark 14:22-25

Children's Moment

Pastor Rhonda

Offertory

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

FIFTH SYMBOL	30 Pieces of Silver The Betrayal	Matthew 26:14-16, 47-56
SIXTH SYMBOL	Cross & Nails The Crucifixion	Luke 22:54-71; Mark 15:16-25
SEVENTH SYMBOL	Linen Shroud	Matthew 27:57-61
Hymn (<i>Silent Prayerful Reflection</i>)	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	#431
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Communion Hymn	“In Remembrance of Me”	#2263

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in our likeness.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#280

*Benediction

Please be seated

Postlude

Flowers today are from the Hales for Grover's 5th birthday which is on the 20th.

Spring clean up will be May 3rd, please bring a rake, a leaf blower, shovel and join us at the church to make it look nice for the Summer. The rain date will be the 10th.

SUNDAY, APR 13 PALM SUNDAY

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

TUESDAY, APR 8

7:00 Bible Study Online

10:00 Clever Crafters

WEDNESDAY, APR 9

9:30 TOPS

5:00 Soup Kitchen

7:00 Church Council

THURSDAY, APR 10

10:00 Bible Study

6:30 Scouts

7:00 Holy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APR 11

12:00 p.m. Shoreline Havens Cooperative Parish Worship Service

Location: UMC Branford, 811 E Main St, Branford, CT

5:30 AA meeting

7:00 Service of Tenebrae Worship Service

SATURDAY, APR 12

Saturday Prayer Vigil

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ushers: Evelyn and Dennis Scaglione, Sally Maxwell, Charlotte Parisi

Camera Operator: Val Gilcher

Video Coordinator: Karin Thelin

Worship Leader: Ray Silvernale

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