



# Holy Week

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WORSHIP FOR APRIL 10, 2022  
PALM SUNDAY

“Jesus did not die in order to spare us the indignities of the wounded creation. He died that we might see those wounds as our own. He died that we might live and live fully and hopefully...in ambiguous reality here and now.”

Peter Gomes

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us come together  
bringing all the worries and wonders of the world  
bringing all that is heavy in our hearts or light in our souls  
bringing all the joys and challenges of life  
whatever our circumstances.

**Let us give thanks to God, who is good.  
God's steadfast love endures forever**

**\*HYMN 177 “Psalm 24” (Lift Up the Gates Eternal)**

**Refrain:**

**Lift up the gates eternal; lift up your voices:  
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.**

**1. See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations;  
God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.**

**2. Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?  
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.**

**3. They shall receive forgiveness and have God's blessing  
if they will search for God, their Savior confessing.**

**(Refrain)**

**4. Come, lift your voices high: be lifted to glory;  
the Lord our God approaches; come, shout the story.**

**5. Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?  
We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating.**

**(Refrain)**

**6. Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;  
the King of glory comes in full might and power.**

**7. Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?  
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing.**

**(Refrain)**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you have been our rock and our salvation.**

**Although we have felt lost and afraid, you have been with us.**

**Although we have given up our voices when we should have spoken, you invite us to  
change. You call us to find the truth about ourselves and our world and to speak it.**

**Strengthen our hearts. Forgive us for all the ways we have failed, and help us to forgive  
ourselves. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**God's love remains even when we turn away or fall away or run away.**

**God forgives and calls us back to the Way that leads to life and peace.**

**Be encouraged by God's grace and empowered by God's spirit.**

**Let us receive God's grace. We are blessed, forgiven, loved, and sent into the world**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ANTHEM "Wondrous Love"

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory

\*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,  
"The mercy of the Lord endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**"This is the gate of the Lord;  
those who are righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!

Lord, send us now success.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord, who has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**"You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

[Unison]

**Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
whose mercy endures forever.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Luke 19:29-40

SERMON      “

\*HYMN      “Ride on, King Jesus”

## RIDE ON, KING JESUS

Spiritual

Refrain



Ride on, King Je - sus, No man can a - hin - der me,



Ride on, King Je - sus, ride on, No man can a - hin - der me.

Verses



1. King Je - sus \_\_\_ rides on a milk - white horse,  
2. I know that \_\_\_ my re - deem - er lives,  
3. If you want to find your \_\_\_ way to God,



1-3. No man can a - hin - der me; { The riv - er of Jor - dan  
And of \_\_\_ his bless - ing  
The gos - pel high - way



1. he did cross,  
2. free - ly gives,  
3. must be trod, } No man can a - hin - der me.      to Refrain

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Opening Prayer and Assurance of Pardon, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL, 3/20/16.

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children's Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

**WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.** We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES IN LENT AND EASTER**

(As with all things as the pandemic continues, these dates, times, and places are subject to change.)

- April 10—Palm Sunday: Worship with Distribution of Palms, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- April 14 Maundy Thursday: Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.; Communion and Service of Tenebrae
- April 15, Good Friday: Worship in the Sanctuary at Noon
- April 17, Easter Sunday: Early Service 8:00 a.m.; Easter Breakfast; 8:30 a.m.; Festival Easter Service in the Sanctuary at 10:15 a.m.

“The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come . . .” (Song of Solomon 2:12)

**PLEASE HELP “SHOWER” THE SANCTUARY WITH FLOWERS:** Starting the first Sunday in April, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, please feel empowered to bring flowering plants to fill the sanctuary by Easter. If the Easter lilies, tulips, crocus or daffodils are a memorial for a loved one, please let the office know.

**COFFEE HOUR HAS RESUMED!** The Deacons are once again serving coffee—and, yes, donut holes—after worship. Rockwood Hall is open for conversation. Masks are optional.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** This morning we will dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This offering has long been an important part of the life of our congregation. For many years now, we have been on the list of Top 100 giving churches.

This year's theme, “Love Remains,” comes from Paul's well-known words: “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13) In a world

where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disaster, our congregation joins with many others in standing in faith, hope, and love with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward the promise of healing and peace. Your generous gift will support the relief work of not only the UCC but also many other denominations united in caring for refugees, in providing medical care, and in disaster recovery efforts. You can watch videos about the work that OGHS makes possible [by clicking here](#):

Let us join in this great tradition and give generously, not because we have to, but because we can.

**SAYING GOODBYE TO BOB AND CLAIRE.** After over 40 years in Iowa City and as members of Congregational UCC, Bob and Claire Ashman are moving to be close to their daughter in Massachusetts. We will say goodbye on Sunday, April 17. Everyone is invited to share their memories, their thoughts, and their good wishes with Bob and Claire in the book that is in Rockwood Hall.



Want to give online? Scan the QR code for our giving app.  
Your giving makes a world of difference.

**PLEASE JOIN COMMUNITY'S [6TH ANNUAL HUNGER BANQUET](#)** on Thursday, April 21 at the Coralville Hyatt Regency. Doors open at 5:00, program begins at 6:30. This is a unique event that gives participants a glimpse at the scope of financial hardship and hunger in Johnson County. During this event, guests will be assigned to represent real Johnson County income demographics, which will determine the meal they receive. 13% of attendees will represent 19,600 neighbors experiencing food insecurity. **If you're ready to make a difference in the lives of local families who struggle with hunger, please register to attend the 6th Annual Hunger Banquet by Friday, April 15.** Because Congregational UCC is a sponsor of this event we have some seats available at a table. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Chuck Dayton, Laurie Stunz, or Bill Lovin or call the church office at 319-337-4301. We need to let CommUnity know the names of those attending. Registration deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us in this cause.

**WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING.** You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

**RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES** are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

**UNITARIANS OFFER FIVE-SESSION VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP:** Drawdown Solutions: get into action! FIVE WEEKS STARTING ON APRIL 13, 7 PM This workshop delves into climate solutions & builds advocacy skills via readings discussions, videos

& projects. To register and for Zoom link contact Ko Ko at [kokolwin2489@gmail.com](mailto:kokolwin2489@gmail.com).  
Sponsored by Iowa UU Witness Advocacy Network.

**RETURN TO HOPE LODGE! HELP PREPARE THE MAY 9 MEAL:** Before the pandemic our church was providing an evening meal for the residents of Hope Lodge once a month. The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge houses cancer patients (and their caregivers) who are receiving treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Hope Lodge is now back to housing residents but they are not yet allowing volunteers in the building. However, they are welcoming groups to provide an evening meal, enough for 30 people, leaving food off at the door. Our church will be responsible for a meal on May 9. There is a sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall. Food will be delivered to Hope Lodge by 4:30 that day and should be in containers (aluminum pans) that do not need to be returned. The address of Hope Lodge is 750 Hawkins Drive (near the Ronald McDonald House). If you have questions about this project, contact Sue Dayton, [cdayton7@mchsi.com](mailto:cdayton7@mchsi.com) or 351-5886.