

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*PALM SUNDAY*

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING AND JUST PEACE CHURCH*



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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey  
**You are welcome in this place.**

## **Introit**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

## **Call to Worship\*\***

Who comes this way?

**I wonder: who is he, riding on a donkey and a colt?**

They say he is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Savior.

**He is the King!**

Who comes this way?

**Is it really him? I want him to beat the Romans and save us from poverty and hunger.**

**Is he a warrior? Is he powerful? Is he scary? Where does he come from, anyway?**

They say he comes from Bethlehem, and grew up in Nazareth of Galilee.

**"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"**

Who comes this way?

**Who is he? Why are we cheering him on? Is he good or bad? He must be rich to get such praise.**

Wait! It is only a man. It is only a man, what is so great about him? And he is just on a donkey, no conquering steed.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

Hosanna means "save us" and "we pray." But who is this man that will save us? Who comes this way?

**Hosanna to the King!**

## **Hymn 213**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy one, beloved of God, we rally to your side cheering and waving, caught up in the excitement and the drama of the procession. We join the procession with prophecy and song echoing in our minds: singing of the triumph of God over the enemies who have held us captive. We cry, "Hosanna! Save us!" while believing ourselves saved already.**

**In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us.**

**Forgive us the desire for power, and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when we would push away those who seek to know you; when we consider others too sinful, too distasteful, too demanding to be part of our company. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful**



treasure, for the sake of the love you have given us with such generosity. Embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

**\*Hymn 216**

**All Glory, Laud and Honor**

**\*Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

**Go In Peace**

**Postlude**

**March in D Major**

**David N. Johnson**

*Born in San Antonio, American Organist, Composer and Educator David N. Johnson (1922-1987) studied at Curtis Institute of Music, Trinity (Texas) and Syracuse. While serving on the faculties of Syracuse, St. Olaf and Arizona State, he published over 300 compositions, most of them for church use.*

\*\*adapted from a prayer written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship.

<http://www.faithandworship.com/>

\*\*\*adapted from Psalm 130 by Christine Longhurst, re-worship.blogspot.com

\* Please stand

**Altar Flowers**

**Palm Sunday**

Given by Louise Bastille in loving memory of Ed Bastille

Coffee Hour Host Parish Activities

Book Club – April 22nd 1p.m. in the Library *Cherished Belonging* by Gregory Boyle

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