

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL 13, 2025 9:30 A.M.

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING AND JUST PEACE CHURCH

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking
of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

Isaiah 58:9b-10

REV. ELIZA TWEEDY, PASTOR
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29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 'If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'
He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Call to Offering

Offertory

Lonesome Valley

Jay Althouse

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, you heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Today we cry out, with our ancestors in faith, Hosanna! We cry for salvation, for liberation from all that keeps us from the kingdom of God. And so we pray today that the gifts we bring now may be blessed, may be used for the salvation of all who are struggling, who are in need, who know the sting of injustice. Hosanna, O Christ: save us all. Amen.

Hymn 213

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Benediction

Benediction Response

Go in Peace

Postlude

adapted from a prayer written by Christine Sine, and posted on **Godspace.

<http://godspace.wordpress.com/2012/03/26/palm-sunday-2012-which-procession-will-we-join/>

***loosely adapted from a prayer written by Thom Shuman

Book Club – April 23 10:00a.m. in the Library *Frozen River by Lawhon*

Women's Breakfast April 16th, 8:30am at the Water Street Cafe

please RSVP to bettobergstrom@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast April 18th at the Water Street Cafe

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