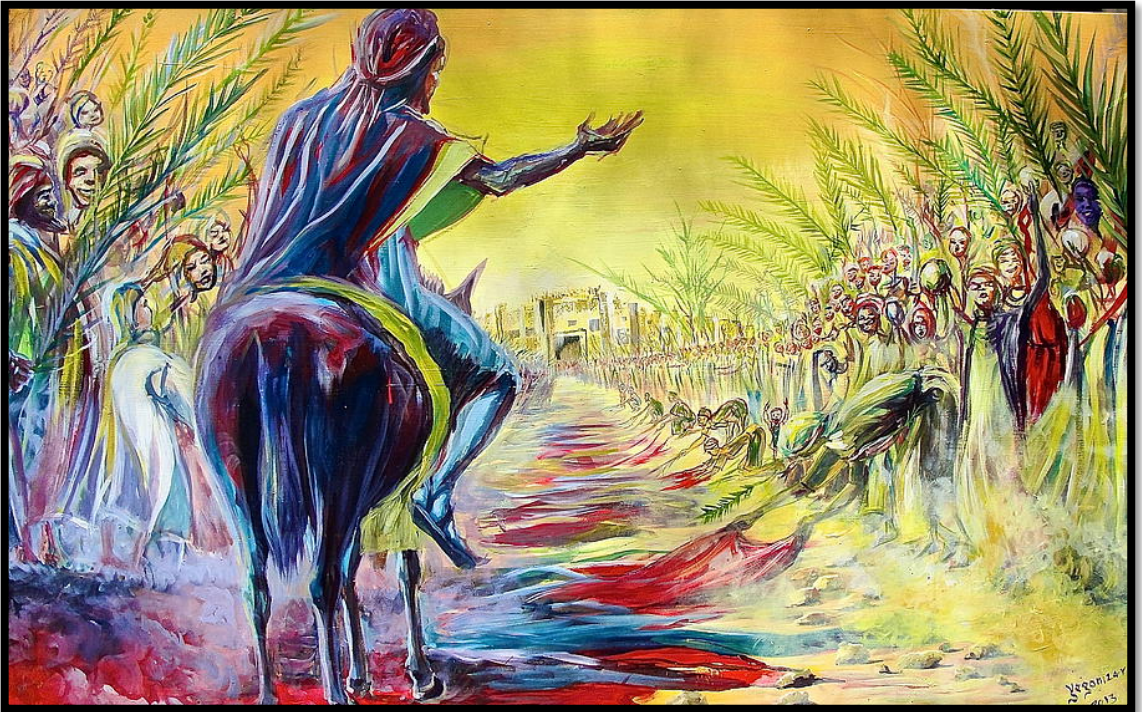


South Freeport Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



“Palm Sunday” by Evans Yegon, Kenya, trueafricanart.com

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Welcome to Palm Sunday Worship at South Freeport Church

As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, it is our mission to be a source of worship, service, education, and healing for all. We welcome all people of any race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. We support full participation of everyone in the life and programs of this church. We recognize the rights of all persons, just as Christ accepted all people he encountered. We believe that in meeting each other in Christian love, God's Spirit frees us all to give, to grow, and to be ourselves. So whoever you are, and wherever you are on the journeys of faith and life, know that you are always welcome here!

Welcome to all **visitors**, we are delighted that you have joined us today. Please make yourself at home here. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in the back of the pew in front of you, which you can place in the Offering Plate later in the service.

We invite families with young kids to explore the “**Prayground**” area in the back of the Sanctuary. Children are always welcome to be their authentic selves here: noises, wiggles, and all! We also have a **nursery** available in the classroom nearest to the organ, staffed with wonderful care providers. About fifteen minutes into the service, we invite children and youth to go upstairs for **Children's Church** (PreK - 5th grade) and **Middle School Youth Group** (6th - 8th grade) if they wish.

We have **hearing amplifiers** available for all those who need them, located in the back of the Sanctuary. We also have a **wheel chair** if needed. Please ask an usher for assistance, and they'd be happy to help.

Your giving online or in-person enables the nurturing ministry of South Freeport Church to flourish. Each one of us plays an important part in the life of this faith community through the sharing of our gifts, including needed financial support. You can give in-person during the Offering, by mail at P.O. Box 46, South Freeport, ME 04078, or online at southfreeportchurch.org/giving.

If you would like to **dedicate flowers** for an upcoming Sunday service, or serve as an **usher**, or bring something to share as **coffee hour host**, please sign up on the clipboards in the Community Hall, or reach out to Beth at beth@southfreeportchurch.org or 207-865-4012.

This Lent, we are following the *Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes* worship theme, which comes from *A Sanctified Art*, with words for worship from Rev. Sarah Speed; learn more at sanctifiedart.org. All music and words in this bulletin are reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net, License #A-732223, and by CCLI, License #11429994.

Order of Worship

*Please rise as you are able

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Congregation invited to read bold parts*

Margo Williams

On this day, Jesus marched...

**in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

See insert

WELCOME and PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

“Ho-Ho-Hosanna”

Children and youth welcome to head upstairs to Children’s Church and Middle School Youth Group

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Creator, forgive us... **when we speak before listening, when we speak over our neighbor, when we speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive us... **when we listen to society, when we listen to friends, when we listen to the news, but we do not listen to you.**

Creator God, forgive us... **when we shout out, but do not shout your name, when we listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive us.**

Create in each of us a heart like yours. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS and SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

RESPONSE SONG

“Pave the Way with Branches”

Bret Hesla

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Jes - us is com - ing; pave the way with branch - es." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Jes - us is com - ing. Ho - san - na!" The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords and rests.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:29-40

Margo Williams

SERMON

“Hosanna”

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father/Mother/God/Creator, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.*

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
Melchior Teschner, 1615
For another setting, see 217

HOLY WEEK 2025

SOUTH FREEPORT CHURCH



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

APRIL 17

7pm Tenebrae Service of
communion and passion

APRIL 18

4-7pm Community Hall
Drop In for Art Gallery
and Prayer Stations

**GOOD
FRIDAY**



Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

APRIL 20

6am Town Dock Sunrise Service
7am Community Hall Breakfast
9am Resurrection Worship
10:15 Egg Hunt on the Lawn
11am Resurrection Worship

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