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WE WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Acolyte: Alan King

“*Longing for Light*” by Bernadette Farrell
verses: Chancel Choir refrain: **Congregation** with Choir

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Holly Ann Burns

O God, your people are calling to you this morning. We are gathered in this sanctuary with our hearts and minds set on you. You are great; an awesome God whose names are known to every generation. There is no other god but you. You are God alone and we are your people. Prepare our souls to receive your Word and embody your love. Free us right now, O God, so we will know your Spirit dwells in us. Open our eyes so we can see your presence in every living thing. Thank you for this day and time when we draw near to worship you. Amen.

***PALM PROCESSIONAL “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**
Congregation

NCH #213
Threlfall

The congregation may be seated.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Offering Our Children

Story “I Love a Parade!” Rev. Art Cribbs

Our Common Prayer
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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**



“Never place a period
Where God has placed a comma”
[Gracie Allen]
God is still speaking,

April 1, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY

For Reflection

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
(Zechariah 9:9 NRSV)

Please stop by the Sound Booth if you wish to use a sound receiver today.

**The asterisk indicates the times when you are invited to stand if the Spirit so moves you.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Chip Colvin

WELCOME & OUR COMMON LIFE

Holly Ann Burns

Music to Bless the Children

“Children Welcome”

Edwards, arr. Fitch

Refrain: **Children welcome in the name of Jesus.
Children welcome in the name of love.**

**Children offer us gifts for living, with hearts opened wide, clear eyes to see,
Minds full of wonder, hands full of helping, joy as we follow where they lead.**

*Children are invited to stay in worship with the adults for this
special Palm Sunday service.*

Barbara Sanchez is available to care for the youngest children.

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD and CELEBRATE COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

Holly Ann Burns

New Testament

New Revised Standard Version

Pew Bible p. 101

CHORAL ANTHEM

“You Raise Me Up”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

Arranged by Roger Emerson

REFLECTIONS

PARADE OF THE FAITHFUL

Rev. Art Cribbs

COMMUNION HYMN

NCH # 343

“Jesus Took the Bread”

Duck

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Art Cribbs

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are invited to the communion table.
If it is best that you be served in your seat,
please let an usher know, and a Deacon will serve you.*

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Soloist: Sarah Parnicky



UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Art Cribbs

Thank you, loving Creator, for sharing from your bounty. Thank you for this moment in remembrance of your Son, Jesus. Thank you for his courageous and creative gift of new life. Thank you for your mercy and forgiveness of our mistakes. Humbly, we give you praise for liberation and salvation. Now, dear God, we ask that you receive our true expressions of appreciation and gratitude for all that you are to us. Freely we have received, freely we give. Thank you for being with us even beyond our imagination. Thank you, O God. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS, OUR LIVES

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Call for the Offering

Holly Ann Burns

Music for Meditation/Offertory

Chip Colvin

*Congregational Response

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

NCH #780

Bourgeois/Ken

*Dedication of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Holly Ann Burns

Leader: Receive now, O God, these gifts your people have brought.

**People: We return to you, dear God,
a small portion from your generous bounty.**

Leader: Create in us a spirit of cheerful giving and sharing of resources.

People: We can never return as much as we have received from you.

Leader: But we can give back to you the first portion of what you have given to us.

People: In addition to our offering of money, we give ourselves in service.

Leader: Thank you for all your blessings that flow through us and are given to others.

People: Thank you, merciful God, for making us in your image and granting us free will to live with compassion, forgiveness, and extravagant hospitality to all your people. Receive us as we are with a hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Preparation for Prayer “*God, Fill Me Now*” Congregation

**God, fill me now, fill me with your Holy Spirit.
You give me life, and you draw me to your presence.
Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.
God, fill me now with you.**

Prayers of the People Rev. Art Cribbs

A TIME FOR LENT

Hymn for Lent “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” **NCH #224**
Congregation Mason/Watts

Lenten Reading “**We May Also Sing**” Rev. Cathy Kotowski
Calmly Plotting the Resurrection p. 76
(excerpts) by Donna E. Schaper

Song For Lent “*Behold the Savior*” Chancel Choir
by Dana Mengel

Extinguishing of the Light Rev. Kotowski

BENEDICTION Rev. Cribbs

POSTLUDE Chip Colvin

*Everyone is invited to enjoy food and fellowship next door.
Today we are celebrating with a Welcoming Potluck for
the Cribbs Family. Thanks to everyone who signed up and contributed.*

We express a warm welcome to all who have joined us this morning. This Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination dedicated to spiritual growth, faith with action and social transformation.