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## Palm Sunday

# Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise

March 24, 2024 | 10:30 AM

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**Welcome to The First Congregational Church Boulder**, a community of faith on a journey of faith. Founded in 1864, the first church built in Boulder, we have been gathering ever since as a community of kindred hearts to worship, to learn and grow in the light of God's grace, to extend ourselves in compassionate service, and to be instruments of God's transformation in the world.

As a member congregation of the United Church of Christ, we believe "God is still speaking." We listen and open our lives to the movement of God's Spirit stirring us up in the new thing God is always doing in our midst. We trust as our Pilgrim forbears prayed, "There is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word."

Our commitment to the extravagant love of Jesus makes the words, "All are Welcome," as inclusive as they sound. We are glad you are here: believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, people brimming with hope and those who wander in despair, people of all races, cultures, and abilities, of all gender identities and sexual orientations. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

During 10:30 AM Worship...

All **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** will gather in the narthex before worship. We will be leading the procession of palms into the sanctuary! Children will go to Sunday School as indicated in the bulletin.

In the Sanctuary...

We have a **NEW HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** which sends sound directly into a hearing aid/cochlear implant. Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. Or, in both the Sanctuary and Chapel, pocket-sized FM receivers are also available from the ushers. BYO earbuds or use the new ones provided. **WHEELCHAIRS** are also available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUR GIVING** Online or in-person, you can count on the nurturing ministry of FCC Boulder Church. Each one of us plays an important part, including through our financial support.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben  
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

J. S. Bach

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 216** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

## **\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Linda Kowatch

Hosanna!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest heavens!**  
Praise to the God who is with us here today!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** All Glory, Laud, and Honor verse 3

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

## ANTHEM

Hosanna  
Chancel Choir, Kajsa Teitelbaum, Director  
Jessica Kressin, piano  
Congregational Bells  
Joyful Noise, Faith Singers, Anne Martinez, Director

V. Courtney

*We bless the children as they go to Sunday School.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

Almighty God,  
something in each us is present in the Palm Sunday crowds who greeted Jesus.  
Like the throng in Jerusalem, we profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm,  
and deny our faith in moments of stress.  
We sing your praises when we are among others who praise you,  
but we keep silent when it is uncomfortable to express our faith.  
We betray those we love and those who love us.  
Full of excuses, we go our own way and claim it as yours.  
For our tentative faith and our timid following, O God, forgive us.  
By your Holy Spirit, turn us again toward you.  
Teach us to live as messengers of your good news in Christ's name. Amen.

*\*The asterisk is an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

# Come, O Fount of Every Blessing verse 1

*Come, O fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.*

## SCRIPTURE

John 12:12-16

# SERMON

# Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise

## HYMN 213

## “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S 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 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.

## SONG OF PRAISE

# Hosanna

Hillsong

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

## OFFERTORY

## Hosanna to the Son of David

D. Weelkes

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

# Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN 222**

## My Song Is Love Unknown

**\*BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

# Rhosymedre

R. Vaughn Williams

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### **Today, 3/24**

All children and youth will gather in the narthex before worship. We will be leading the procession of palms into the sanctuary! Children will go to Sunday School as indicated in the bulletin.

### **Youth Group Today - Rock Climbing, 3/24 at 3 PM**

Today, all middle and high school youth are invited to "The Spot" indoor rock climbing gym at 3240 Prairie Ave, Boulder, from 3 to 5 PM for an afternoon rock climbing adventure. There is no charge to attend.

### **Upcoming Youth Events - Easter Treasure Hunt, 3/31 at 5 PM**

**On Easter, March 31**, from 5 to 6:30 PM, the youth group will meet for a collaborative Easter Treasure Hunt at the church starting in Grace Gallery. As we wander through the building we'll bless each space along the way!

### **Youth/Young Adult Movie Night - Just Mercy - Sunday, March 31, 7 PM, Grace Gallery**

All High School Youth and College Age Young Adults are invited to a showing of the 2019 movie Just Mercy, based on the story of a death row inmate wrongfully accused and the journey of his lawyer, Bryan Stephanson, who went on to found the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery. EJI is the focus of the Youth/Young Adult Pilgrimage in May. Not planning to go on the trip? Come to see a great movie, enjoy the snacks, and join the discussion.

### **Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage to Montgomery - May 28-31, Tuesday - Friday Orientation on Zoom, Tuesday, 4/2, 7 PM**

All high school youth and college age adults are invited to join Sam Bauman and Libby Black on a racial justice pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama. This learning and community building experience, just after Memorial Day, is this year's alternative to our traditional youth mission trip. The itinerary, 4 days and 3 nights, includes visits to The Legacy Museum and The National Monument for Peace and Justice, as well local food and a fun recreational activity. Please complete this short form below by April 1, and attend the Zoom on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 PM. Questions? Contact Sam Bauman Zoom Meeting ID: 815 2814 5498. Form (<https://tinyurl.com/ybabswkz>) Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/5n89bf4u>).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Contemplative Prayer Worship - Sunday, 4/7 at 8:30 AM, Chapel**

A service of Contemplative Prayer with readings, extended moments of silence, and Taizé chants. This early service on April 7, will include Communion and center on the readings of Irish poet and author, John O'Donohue!

### **All Ages Worship - Sunday, 4/7 at 10:30 AM, Sanctuary and YouTube**

An intergenerational service for people of all ages, including a sermon by Lianna Campos, our new Minister of Faith Formation, a Scripture video prepared by our youth, and the Sacrament of Communion.

### **Newcomers Coffee - Sunday, April 7, 11:45 AM, Heritage Room**

Are you new to the First Congregational Church community, looking to find out more and get better connected? Join us on Sunday, April 7, after 10:30 am worship to get to know some of ministers and leaders at FCC, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about the many ways you can get involved.

### **Meet and Greet Potluck with Lianna - Sunday, April 7 at 5 PM - Standish Room**

The Board of Christian Education invites you to a Meet and Greet Potluck with Lianna Campos, our new Minister of Faith Formation. Kids, youth, and parents are especially invited to attend. Please bring something delicious to share and an appetite for good food and fellowship. Contact: Susan Wilkinson (suemacnutson@gmail.com).

### **Annual Mission Partner Fair - Sunday, April 14 11:45 AM - Plymouth Hall**

Join us for our Mission Partner Fair, showcasing many of the organizations near and far whose good works our congregation supports through benevolence grants. Please stop by to chat with their representatives during fellowship hour following the 10:30 AM worship service.

## HOLY WEEK

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28**

#### **7:00 PM, Sanctuary and YouTube**

A Service of Shadows with Holy Communion when the lights dim to darkness and we remember the Last Supper of Jesus, his anguished prayer in the Garden, his arrest by Roman soldiers, and his death on a cross.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, March 29**

#### **5:30 PM, Chapel**

The evening of Good Friday is met with our deepest prayers as we travel "the way of sorrows" to the cross through the eyes and experiences of one of Jesus' closest disciples. Our Scripture readings will focus on Peter's role in the crucifixion narrative as we imagine how we ourselves might have felt and acted had we been there as one of Jesus' followers and friends.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

#### **9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, Worship in Sanctuary and YouTube at 11 am**

Extended Musical Preludes at 8:45 am and 10:45 am.

Services of Joy with Brass and Bells as we celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection and sing Alleluia! all morning long! A festive fellowship hour is held between the services. Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during worship is available.



