

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

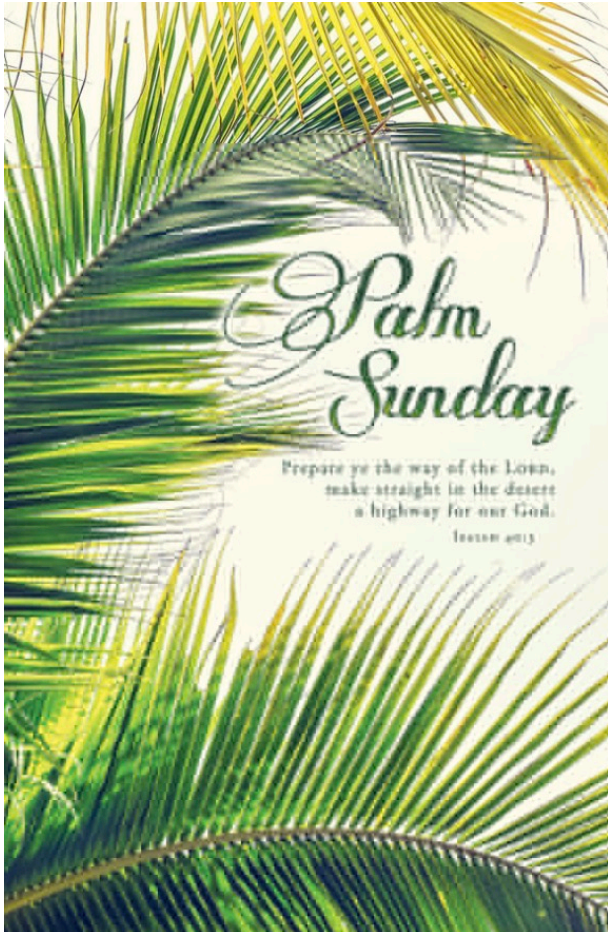
March 29, 2026— 10:30 AM

## Palm Sunday



**A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Beverly Mate; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit  
Supply; Worship Production: Norris Clark



## WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

## MESSAGE PREVIEW:

**Rev. David Wenker's message is: "The Winds of Public Opinion".**

Palm Sunday brings together a variety of groups of people each with their own opinion of Jesus. There's the cheering crowd as Jesus rides into Jerusalem. The curious onlookers who are trying to figure out what is going on. There's the leaders who are furious at the arrogance of Jesus and his followings, portraying him as the conquering king. Then there's the crucify him crowd at his trial. We'll consider each and see how we can fit into each one when we are tied to the winds of public opinion.

## MUSIC PREVIEW:

**"We welcome the Cold Spring Community Hand Bell Choir, under the direction of Carolyn Meldrum today.**

**Jo Armstrong  
Connie Blocher  
Ann Fulginiti  
Linda Hadrava**

**Barb Kraemer  
Linda Linhares  
Beverly Mate  
Ruth Rich**

**Gretchen Sorenson, alt.  
Rev. David Wenker  
Janet Wenker  
Marjorie Wetherill**

The bell choir Prelude, "**All Hail the Risen King**", includes several well known hymn tunes that you may recognize. Written and arranged for bell choir by Derek K. Hakes.

Their Offertory "**Easter Song**", is a song written by [Annie Herring](#) of the [Jesus music](#) group the [2nd Chapter of Acts](#) that tells of Jesus Christ's resurrection and the elation Christians feel about this resurrection on [Easter](#). It was first recorded in 1974 and released on the band's debut album

"**Les Rameaux**" (**The Palms**), composed by French baritone Jean-Baptiste Faure in 1864, is a classic Christian hymn celebrating Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. It depicts crowds laying palms to honor Christ, focusing on themes of hosanna, triumph, and salvation. The song remains a staple for Palm Sunday services and was famously recorded by Enrico Caruso.

"**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**" is a renowned Palm Sunday hymn written around 820 AD by Theodulf of Orleans, a bishop imprisoned by Emperor Louis the Pious. According to legend, Theodulf sang this hymn from his prison cell as the Emperor passed, moving him to grant freedom. The original Latin was translated into English by [John Mason Neale](#).

"**Tell Me the Story of Jesus**" is a classic 1880 hymn written by blind poet-songwriter Fanny Crosby, with music by John R. Sweeney. It was inspired by a desire for a simple, poignant retelling of Christ's life, focusing on his birth, ministry, death, and resurrection, and was published in *The Quiver of Sacred Song*.

"**Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!**" is a classic Palm Sunday hymn written by Henry Hart Milman in 1820-1821. It portrays the paradox of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – a royal procession to his death, emphasizing a humble, sacrificial kingship rather than earthly glory. The hymn contrasts the praises of the crowd with the impending sacrifice of the cross.

## PROCESSIONAL: LES RAMEAUX (THE PALMS)

### PRELUDE - "ALL HAIL THE RISEN KING"

COLD SPRING COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR,  
DIRECTED BY CAROLYN MELDRUM

WELCOME:

REV. DAVID WENKER

## **GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

God welcomes all,  
strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong  
and it never ends.

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE)**

**Many: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!**

## **OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**We join with the multitude of people from every land and every age to praise you for the gift you have given us. You gave your life so we might be able to find forgiveness and enjoy the loving relationship with you. You gave your life so we might be reconciled to God our Father. You gave your life so we might find the fulfilling joy of giving our lives to others as well. You gave us yourself, the best gift of all. We praise you in Jesus name, AMEN**

## **GATHERING HYMN - #88 (BLUE) "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"**

**1. All glory, laud, and honor**

**To Thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**2. The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before Thee we present.  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**3. To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**4. Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

When we say, “We don’t sin,” we deny who we are. But when we say, “There’s no way out,” we deny who God is. Trusting that God’s grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

**Forgive us when our lips cry words of faith and obedience, but our actions show little trust and love. Forgive us when our actions in public say we love and trust you, but our actions in secret deny you. Forgive us for the inconsistencies of our lives. Help us to be patient as we grow. Help us trust you to lead us into greater love and obedience. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN**  
(Silent Reflection)

## **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

One: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. .

**Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Holy Spirit, share with us your wisdom; gift us with your hope; sustain us with your truth. Be in our hearing and our thinking, that through the words of Scripture we might know your call on our lives. Amen.

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 11: 1-10**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat

on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 11: 11-19**

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it. On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’ ” The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and

began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

**MESSAGE: "THE WINDS OF PUBLIC OPINION"**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION : #137 (RED) "TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS"**

**1. Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels in chorus  
Sang as they welcomed His birth,  
"Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth."  
Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.**

**2. Fasting alone in the desert,  
Tell of the days that are past,  
How for our sins He was tempted,**

**Yet was triumphant at last.  
Tell of the years of His labour,  
Tell of the sorrow He bore,  
He was despised and afflicted,  
Homeless, rejected and poor.  
Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.**

**3. Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
Writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,  
Tell how He liveth again .  
Love in that story so tender  
Clearer than ever I see:  
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,  
Love paid the ransom for me.  
Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:**

In a village there were two donkeys, and the Lord needed them. Strange request, and stranger choice, but the Lord needed them.

You never know what God needs. You never know what God can use. Trusting that what you have is just what God needs, commit your offerings to the Lord. Whether they are given physically or online, of your time, your talent, your treasure, whether they are extraordinary or humble, your gifts build up the body of Christ in the world.

## **OFFERTORY - "EASTER SONG"**

**COLD SPRING COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR,  
CAROLYN MELDRUM, DIRECTOR**

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above the heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).



**\*\*\*\*Forms for Easter flowers for the sanctuary are in the narthex and can be turned in to Beverly Mate or the church office with the payment. Prices are on**

the forms. Palm Sunday is the last day to order flowers for Easter.

Birthdays  
& Anniversaries

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

**PASTOR DAVID WENKER - MARCH 28**



***Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. -  
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae  
Service at Cold Spring  
Presbyterian Church. A combined  
service with Cape May  
Presbyterian Church.***



Join us to celebrate Easter  
Sunday, Service at 10:30 a.m.



## COLD SPRING SUPPERS "BOOK CLUB"

**Why:** Good food for your heart, mind, body, and soul!

**How:** Participants will select, read, and discuss contemporary and classic books that stimulate the heart and mind, and enjoy a free dinner (pizza, salad, and drink). **Next Book reading:**

**"Unbroken", by Laura Hillenbrand**

**When: Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:30 pm**

**Where: Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.**

**NOTE:** Participants may request free copies of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to [norrisclark@me.com](mailto:norrisclark@me.com)

## RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

*Pray for:* Norris's relative **Chase**, in the military service at the Strait of Hormusz. He is asking for prayers for **Chase and for his wife** at home with two small babies; **Rev. Jack Wright**, who led us in worship a few months ago, has passed away. Comfort for his family and friends. **Tracy Madden**, prayers for comfort for the family of her **husbands' cousin** who passed away; **Rev. Virginia Scott** had successful surgery for her broken hip and is being treated at Wesley Manor Rehab.; **Baby Natalie Rose**, born premature & now has an infection & may need surgery; June Batz, the accompanist for the Angelus Chorus, her daughter in law **Ashley** has acute leukemia and will be going in the hospital on March 22, for a bone marrow transplant from her Brother; **Michael D'Alonzo** had his foot amputated due to diabetes, prayers for recovery; **Michael Minor** with cancer, friend of Chuck & Barbara McPherson;

**Merryn Hawthorne**, Marge Wetherill's daughter, healing from surgery in Virginia. **Abby Carr** having lung transplant surgery on March 10; Blessing that **Larry Moyer** asked for prayers for his **Aunt Joan Johnson** suffering with cancer. Praise for his **Aunt Miriam** having her 97th Birthday, and planning a cruise for her 100th Birthday!; John Saalman's friend, **John Cervo** with prostate cancer; **Mary Everett** experiencing health issues; Linda's Cousin **Darlene**, having lung surgery; **Tracy Madden** for healing from grief and anxiety as she searches for support groups to help her recover; for **her family members** going through cancer and personal health issues, and travel mercies for **family member's**; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob Sheidly** friend of Bob Heinly, as he battles multiple maladies of aging; Anna Sheidly is now receiving hospice care.

Those on hospice care: **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, Anna Sheidly.**

Those undergoing cancer treatment: **Kiley Fulford; Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco, Norma Sasso, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Charlotte Holman, Joe Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Patricia, Richard Beare**

and Rev. Jack Wright, John Cervo, Ashley, Michael  
Minor.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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.**

### **FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are neighbors.o**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are friends.**

### **SENDING HYMN: #91(BLUE) "RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY"**

**1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;**

**O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadron of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God Thy power, and reign.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

**POSTLUDE:**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**Go in peace. See you next week!**

**So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.**

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1. Les Rameaux, (The Palms), Jean Baptiste Faure (1830-1914), CCLI Song #51838
2. All Hail the Risen King! : Derek Hakes based on the hymn tunes Christ Arose, Llanfair, In  
Babylon and Coronation; CCLI Song #68235
3. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555

4. All Glory, Laud, and Honor: Theodulph of Orleans (c. 820), Melchior Teschner (1614), trans. John Mason Neale (1851), Arr. William H. Monk (1861); CCLI #7201246
5. *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*; Fanny Crosby, John R. Sweeney; CCLI Song #33399
6. *Gloria*: Public Domaine - not used during the Sunday's of Lent
7. Easter Song: Ann Herring arr. by John F. Wilson; CCLI Song # not listed yet
8. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
9. *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*: Henry Hart Millman, 1827, John Bacchus Dykes, 1862, 1980; CCLI Song #7005466
10. Postlude