

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

604 Seven Mile Road Hope, Rhode Island 02831



Rev. Katherine Mitchell, Pastor
Steve Haunschild, Music Director
Shyla Mollo, Worship Leaders

Mary Anne Desrosiers, Samantha Dyl & Shyla Mollo, Lay Leaders

Worship and Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

**April 14, 2019
Palm/Passion Sunday**

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Tornquist

OPENING PRAYER

All: It is relatively easy for us to roster someone, to go and gather palm leaves, to spread in the church today. And we can easily find music and a few good words to help us to remember and re-enact Palm Sunday.

But what if You arrived, inviting us to really lay down something important to us, to acknowledge Your arrival?

What if we knew the imminence of the danger that accompanies You, or sensed that the authorities were watching us as we worship?

How then, Jesus, would we meet You today, and what would we spread before You?

And how would we regard humility from the One we hope will save the world?

Palm Sunday Jesus, help us to see how and where You enter our world today, and what You ask us to lay at your feet, and how we may welcome You in. Amen.

Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community

*SINGING

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 278

PARADE OF PALMS

*SINGING

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 280

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

**All who are able, please stand.*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

No. 465, v. 1 & 2

All: Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 forever. Amen.

CHOIR RESPONSE

Rejoice! Your King Is Coming

Shackley

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

NT Pg. 83

MESSAGE

Palms, Memes and Trolls

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

We Sang Our Glad Hosannas

FWS No. 2111

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Smith

I have need of it

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 Beloved needs it."

—Luke 19.30-31

My dear one,
your heart, your time,
your prayer, your imagination,
your faith and your doubt—
I need it.
Your thoughts, your voice,
the way you treat strangers,
I need it.
I need your presence
where there is hurt.
I need your risk in loving those
who are hard to love,
your vulnerability in caring for what is heartbreaking,
your hope in the dawn long before dawn.
I need you to convey me into the city,
to bear me into people's hearts.
You, donkey-plain,
ordinary and waiting,
you are what I need.
Listen:
I have sent my servants
to untie you.

Rev. Steve Garnaas Holmes, unfoldinglight.net

CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail (pastorkatherinem@gmail.com) or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).