

Sermon Outline:

**“Jesus Entry Into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday”
March 11:11-21**

What was Jerusalem like before and during this event?

Mixed understandings surrounding Jesus’ “Triumphal Entry”

What really was set in motion?

The First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Tear Here

Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place it in the offering plate.

Your Name(s) _____

Phone number or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

Would you like someone to contact you? ___ Yes ___ No

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Sylvia Lee

Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

“Antiphonal Hosanna”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #297

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Invitation to Prayer

“It Was His Love”

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

Blue Hymnal #305

“Jesus Paid It All” (refrain only)

Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed It white as snow.

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

"Cloony the Clown" by Shel Silverstein

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #315

“Were You There” (verse1)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O!....

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

47 N.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

“*It's Not What It Seems*”

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #300

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

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

Offertory

Chancel Choir

“Once Upon a Tree”

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** Closing**

Blue Hymnal #327

“The Old Rugged Cross” (verses 1 & 2)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,

The emblem of suff'ring and shame;

And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay down.

I will cling to the old rugged cross,

And exchange it someday for a crown.

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,

Has a wondrous attraction for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above

To bear it to dark Calvary.

Chorus:

***Benediction**

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

We hold in tension the emotions of this day: the joy of the exuberant crowd welcoming Jesus, and the score of those so threatened by him as to seek his death. Let us worship together in boldness.

*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshiping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Pat Krehn
Altar Flowers:	Bill Fries, Sr.(today) (next week)
Greeters:	(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers(today)	(next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Bill Fries, Sr.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Colleen Conant (16), Kayla Robeck (17), Arnold Dougan (19)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Rob & Angela Pullman (16)

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob DeShetler, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Jerry Miller - will be receiving radiation & oral chemo

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, April 15

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, April 16 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - home of Marj Salata
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Lounge
5:00 p.m. Double Classroom Reserved - RAYZ
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Wednesday, April 17

6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 18 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

Friday, April 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Methodist Church

Saturday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, April 21

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
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Our Church News

Book Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at the home of Marj Salata. Loretta VanDuzen will be doing the book review.

Save the Date: Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon “*Life Expressions Party!*” We had one of these parties last Fall and we made \$200 for Charitable Giving. Let’s try to double that at the April party! The more people that attend the more money we make. The company donates \$10 for every sign made. No prior experience is necessary. This is a lot of fun for all AND for a great cause! Men, women and teens are invited. Bring your friends! Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Pat Krehn at 414-7256. Thanks!

Congo Cookies Needed! Again for the Vaudeville Show we will offer the audience free cookies, cider and coffee during intermission. If you'd be willing to bake a dozen or two cookies it would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you'd like to make a financial contribution to help cover the cost of the cider and coffee that would also be great! Judy Clapp is this years "Cookie Queen" so please contact her at 924-2743 and let her know what you will provide. The cookies will be needed in the fellowship hall on the 27th by 4:00pm. Also, Judy will need a team of folk to help with set up and take down. Thanks!

Mark your Calendar - Spring Church Cleaning - Saturday, May 4

Requested Announcements

Camp Henry is looking for volunteers to serve at Camp Henry as a Sunshine Sub or cabin coverage. If you are interested please talk with Mat.

ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh. 8:10

“Go and enjoy”:

April 27- Vaudeville Show at the Dogwood 7:00pm- Another fun outreach variety show from CONGO to the community.

May 18- "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- More details TBA but put it on your calendar!

First Congregational Church of Fremont and Friends present: Congo Vaudeville Show 2019

Vaudeville was a form of variety show that offered something for everyone. The “Congo Vaudeville Show” follows in the footsteps of this great tradition. The show will have music and songs, comedy skits, juggling and other circus arts. The show features some of our area's strongest talent. Invite a friend!

Saturday, April 27, 7:00pm

Dogwood Center

A Super Family Show FREE to ALL!

Free cookies, cider, and coffee also served.

For more info, call 924-4710

