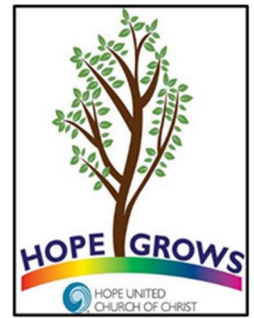




**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL**  
**Worship Bulletin March 28, 2021**  
**Palm Sunday**

*Thank you for joining us for worship today.  
 We are glad you are here!  
 No matter who you are  
 or where you are on life's journey,  
 you are welcome at Hope UCC!*



Morgner, Wilhelm, 1891-1917.

Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, from Art in the Christian Tradition,  
 a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

PRELUDE *Triumphal Entry/ All Glory, Laud and Honor* - Groth and McChesney

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING MEDITATION: *(Please light your candle at home; 1 candle is lit in the sanctuary)*

We have gathered here, week after week, sharing a common journey toward a deeper faith and a deeper experience of the divine. I invite you now to close your eyes and let go of the things that distract and concern you. Listen! The time is drawing near. Jesus is preparing to enter Jerusalem. How will we greet him? Will we follow him all the way to the Cross? The power of Jesus is that he lived what he taught, even when it led to his death. He lived with an abiding awareness of God, radiating the light of God in all he said and did. But that light was too much for the world. There are forces today, as there were in ancient Judea, which conspire to put it out. Where are we in this drama? What are we willing to risk to follow Jesus?

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

**Many: Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

**Many: Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that our God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Many: Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus! Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!**

OPENING HYMN #216 *All Glory Laud and Honor* (see end of bulletin)

**INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

**This is your day, holy God. Every day belongs to you. We would empty ourselves before you so there will be room for your entrance into our minds and hearts. Our times are in your hands. This precious gift of life is ours, in trust, from you. We give thanks, for your steadfast love endures forever. That love, expressed in the life of Jesus, dared to challenge those centers of power that lived by other standards. We come to declare that love today. Reign among us, we pray. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING OF PEACE

We are created in the image of God and are blessed with the capacity to reflect God's will in our daily lives. God cares for us and invests us with responsibility. Thus God honors us with high expectations and confidence in our willingness to seek out life's best for all people. We are loved. We are forgiven. Our baptism is renewed.

Let us offer one another the gift of peace. May the Lord's peace be with you!

*(If you are using this liturgy as a private devotion or participating in the live stream worship, please hold out your hands in blessing for all you are joined with in spirit. If you are participating in the live stream worship, please type in your peace greeting.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC    *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* - Groth and McChesney

## PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

One: May the Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray:...

With the assurance Jesus offers, together we pray the words Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

SERMON "Keep Walking"

SERMON HYMN #223 *What Wondrous Love Is This?* (see end of bulletin)

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

What shall we give in the name of One who gave everything for us? What do we offer in thanksgiving for the steadfast love proclaimed in Jesus Christ? How will good news be carried to the centers of power in our world today? What we give will make a difference.

*We are profoundly grateful for your continued support of Hope UCC as we stay connected as a faith community in this time of social distancing and spiritual connection. We are continuing the ministry of our church throughout this stay at home order and we thank you for making this possible. We now have two ways to make your offering. Hope UCC is now able to offer e-giving through Breeze Management System to make it safer and easier for you to give anytime. You are able to safely donate electronically using your credit card or ACH transfer. You can find the link on our church website ([www.hopeuccqc.org](http://www.hopeuccqc.org)). We also invite you to mail your offering to the church office – mail and messages are checked daily by Pastor Santina. Thank you for your generosity- your commitment is vital to continuing our congregation's ministries and commitments. Hope Grows! And there is nothing- not even a global pandemic - that can stop it! ☺*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, gracious God. Our gifts can never match your goodness toward us. Your saving grace, your healing light, your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining! We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are, in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.

#### CLOSING MEDITATION:

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of illness and disease in the world. *(Please extinguish your candle at home; one candle is extinguished in the sanctuary)*

Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbors; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

People of God, go together into this hard and holy week. Trust in God. Be filled with the Spirit. Walk with Christ to the end. For Christ's times are in our hands now, as ours have ever been in his. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude on 'St Theodulph' - Sechter*

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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

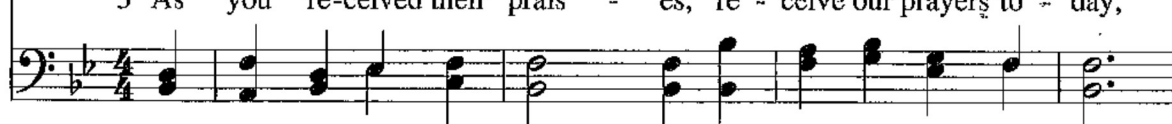

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

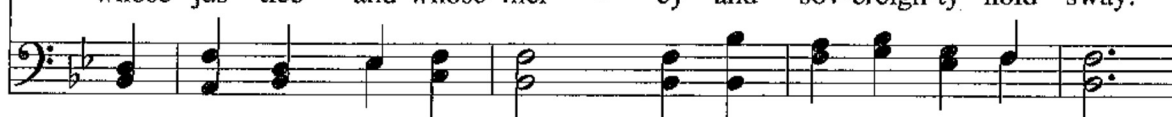

Matt. 21:8-9





1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,  
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

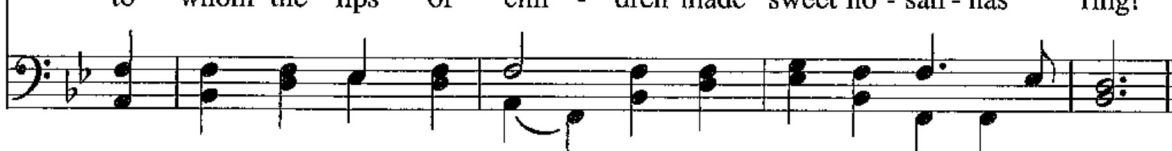
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,  
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;  
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!



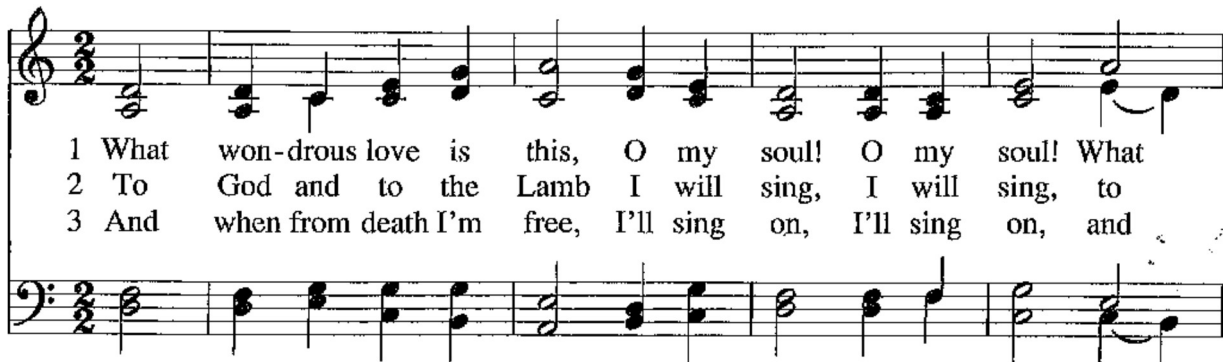
Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.  
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)  
Melchior Teschner, 1615  
For another setting, see 217



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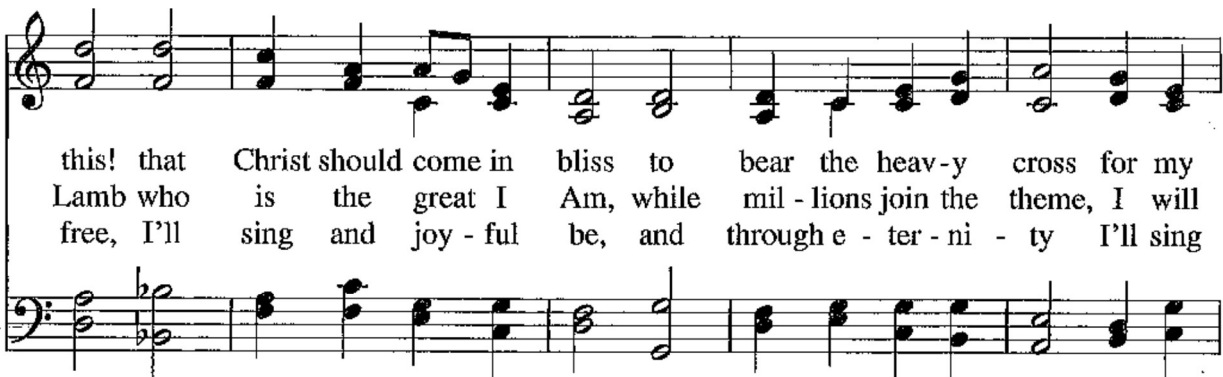
## What Wondrous Love Is This

*John 19:17; Rev. 5:13**19th century, United States; alt.  
First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836*


1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my  
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!  
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

*This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has appeared in many versions. William Walker, compiler of Southern Harmony, one of the most important nineteenth-century tune books in the United States, lived and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina.*

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.  
(CHRISTOPHER)  
Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony, c. 1843  
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993