First Congregational Church
in WINCHESTER, UCC

Order of Worship - Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

Prelude	*Valet will ich dir geben* (BWV 735) (Farewell I bid thee)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome/Call to Worship		Rev. Will Burhans
Opening Hymn	*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*	please see monitors
Communal Prayer of Confession		Rev. Maeve Hammond

    Silent Confession
    Assurance of Forgiveness
    The Lord's Prayer
    Gloria Patri

Scripture	Psalm 118:19-29 Matthew 21:1-11	Liturgists: Janet Hall/Brian Wolcott
Anthem	*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*	Gesangbuch der Herzogl Arranged by Shelton Ridge Love
Sermon	"Jesus Enters the Gate of Our Soul"	Rev. Will Burhans
Offertory		

(children return from Stepping Stones classes)

Communion
    Invitation
    Prayer of Consecration
    Words of Institution
    Sharing of Bread and Cup
    Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People
If you are in the sanctuary you are invited to come forward and light a candle for a prayer intention. If you are on the live-stream you are invited to write your prayer request in the YouTube chat and we will light candles in the sanctuary to represent your prayers.

Announcements		Rev. Will Burhans
Closing Hymn	*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (vv. 1 & 3)	New Century Hymnal, #226

Removing the Paraments/Shrouding the Cross

Postlude	*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, Op. 122	Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

Many thanks to Maria Fernando for making our gluten-free Communion Bread.

Visitors, get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in the pews.

Please keep these people in your prayers

For those impacted by the school shooting in Tennessee, for diminished access to assault weapons and increased access to health and wellness services for all those in need.
Prayers of healing and strength for **Cecilia, Parker and Felix,** after the sudden death of their husband and father.
Shelly Griffiths, Tomye Little's cousin, for healing, comfort and peace for her and her family.
Austin Lyle, his family, the whole Denver East High School community.
Kevin Kattwinkel, Susan Navien's brother, for successful surgery and healing.
Prayers of comfort for **Tom Craft**, Laurie Roby's cousin, and his children and grandchildren, as they mourn the passing of his wife and their mother and grandmother, Elaine Croft.
David Burhans, Rev. Will's father, for comfort and peace.
Nate Gardiner, for strength and healing.
Laurie Rastellini, Bill Lewis's sister, for successful surgery.
Jim, Jodie Mullane's brother, for healing from colon cancer.
Linda James, friend of the Pradels, for healing as she goes through treatment.
Prayers for the Clancy family, and any mothers/parents who may be experiencing mental health challenges.
Prayers for healing for **Mike Redding.**
Prayers for the growing and strengthening of **Kate Mae Lucca,** newborn daughter of Erin and Chris Lucca.
Jessica Brand, for healing.
Kekerian Amarantidis, friend of Christine Atkins, for healing during this difficult time.
Meg, friend of Maggie, for strength and healing.
Nancy Alleyn, friend of Nick Wankowicz's sister, Nina, for healing.
Pamela Willwerth, Frank Willwerth's mother, recent serious illness and dementia and hospitalization.
Elizabeth Thompson, who is in hospice, and her family and friends.
Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother, for healing as he awaits a kidney transplant.
Olivia, for healing and help finding her way back to recovery.

Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rhoda J. Murray and Dr. & Mrs. William Oddy, given by the Rev. Dr. Candice Ashenden and Atty. Pamela Oddy and their children, William David and Christina Louise Oddy Ashenden.

Offering

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