

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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PRELUDE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *(piano and cello)*
"The Palms" by J. Faure

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold your king is coming to you;

He is just and endowed with salvation.

Humble and mounted on a donkey.

Even a colt, the foal of a donkey.

And He will speak peace to the nations,

and His dominion will be from sea to sea.

READING: Mark 11:1-10 – *Reader: George Dewar*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

R1: There were so many things going on in Jerusalem that day. The City 'set on a hill' was filling up with pilgrims from all over, eager to celebrate Passover in their holiest place. The outer courts of the temple were alive with buyers and sellers, money changers, the sounds of doves cooing, lambs bleating and human voices bargaining loudly in the custom of the mid east.

R2: Thirty years later, a Roman governor was to take a census of the lambs slain in Jerusalem and find the number not far off a quarter of a million. Passover regulations required a party of a minimum of 10 people for each lamb. Using these figures we might count up to 2 ½ million people crowding their way into Jerusalem.

R1: The law required that every adult male Jew living within 20 miles must attend the Passover, but Jews from every corner of the world made their way to the greatest of their national festivals.

R2: Did Jesus not plan his arrival on this day?

R1: Could he have chosen a more dramatic moment?

R2: And amazing as it might seem, Jesus and His relatively small contingent of disciples moved into the surging crowd and even though He was riding a donkey, instead of a warhorse, and wearing everyday clothes instead of kingly raiment, the crowd made room and responded with cheers, waving branches broken from nearby trees.

R1: They greeted Jesus like a king and spread their cloaks before Him on the road.

R2: They shouted, **"Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!"**

R1, R2: They shouted **"Hosanna-Saviour!"** A hopeful cry of help for people in distress.

***HYMN VU 127:** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

R1: Then Jesus heads straight for the temple, looks around, grabs a whip and begins to upset tables and scatter animals.

R2: "It is written in Holy scripture that the temple is God's house and is meant to be a house of prayer for all nations, but you have made it a den of robbers and cheaters. Get out. Get out! Don't desecrate this place any further."

R1: So the scene is set.

R2: The inevitable circumstances unfold.

R1: The Day called Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday because Jesus knew that this act would set off the events that would sweep Him up and nail Him to the cross.

R2: The liturgical colour is red.

R1: Red means celebration. Red means blood; blood shed for us.

R2: Today we recognize Jesus as both the ruler of our hearts and the sacrifice for our sins.

OPENING PRAYER:

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along the way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Fear Not, Ye People of Zion" – J. Paige

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*(Lord hear our prayer, **and in your love, answer**)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(sung - VU 959)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil

**for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

***HYMN VU 371:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

MESSAGE: "The Origin of The Last Supper"

READING: Mark 14:22-26 – *Reader: George Dewar*

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

THE ELEMENTS ARE SHARED

(We suggest that those worshipping from home have some bread and juice handy to participate in Communion.)

MUSICAL OFFERING OVER COMMUNION: *(piano and cello)*

"How Beautiful" by T. Paris

R1: In this week of days, Jesus bade farewell to his earthly ministry and ultimately drank from the cup of suffering.

R2: As the shadows deepen to darkness on Good Friday, we once again face the reality of the high cost of our salvation.

***CLOSING HYMN VU 133:** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

EXTINCTION OF THE LAST CANDLE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "God So Loved the World" by J. Stainer

**We welcome and thank Bruce Morritt
for enriching our service today with music on the cello.**

**We also thank our additional readers today:
Marleene Kretchman, Heather Jesik and Wendy Crossfield.**

LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS
are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

AFTER WORSHIP, everyone is invited to stay
for refreshments and fellowship
in the Board Room & Friendship Room on the lower level.

PRAYER LIST

As we face life's challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAIZÉ SERVICES AT FENWICK UNITED: The last mid-week Lenten service in the Taizé style will be offered on Thursday March 28 at 6:30 pm. Taizé services combine music and silence, scripture and contemplation, and last about half an hour. Everyone is welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at Central United Church in Welland on March 29 at 10:00 am, with the choirs of the four United churches singing.

EASTER DAFFODILS: On Easter Sunday at Fonthill United, we plan to decorate the sanctuary with live daffodils. If you would like to make a donation and have a daffodil placed in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (905 892-6433) or email to: fonthilu@vaxxine.com.



NOTICE: Thursday March 21 was International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Afternoon Tea Saturday *April 13, 2024*

1pm to 3pm

Fenwick United Church

1050 Church St. Fenwick.

Tickets are \$30 .

Call Julie at 289-820-9657

or email her at

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THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Mar 25	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Pelham Garden Club Meeting
Tuesday Mar 26	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons (Friendship Rm.)
Wednesday Mar 27	6:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Practice
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
Thursday Mar 28	6:00 pm	Cubs & Beavers
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Friday Mar 29	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Good Friday Service at Central United Church
Saturday Mar 30	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Mar 31	9:30 am	Worship Service - Easter Sunday

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH,
YOU ARE WELCOME TO:**

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: fonthilu@vaxxine.com.
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR). Contact the church office to register.

Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!

Fonthill United Church

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.
United in God's love,
we strive to be an inclusive community,
learning together and supporting others with compassion.

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