



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service March 24, 2024

Prelude: "Because He Lives" Bruce Netten

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation..... Psalm 118:26

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you."

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 118:1-4

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Let Israel say: **"His love endures forever."**

Leader: **Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."**

Unison: *Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."*

* **Hymn #134**..... "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* **Invocation**

* **Song of Response:** Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Refrain

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lent 42: Psalm 42:6-10

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me
- a prayer to the God of my life

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"

My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long "Where is your God?"

Children’s Message..... Cec Horn

Scripture Reading..... Luke 19:28-40

* **Song of Response:** “King of Kings”

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Offering: “*Lift High the Palms*” Choir

* **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

Sermon: “*Do You See Jesus*” Kevin Baird

Luke 13:31-35

* **Song of Response** “Not In Me”

* **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

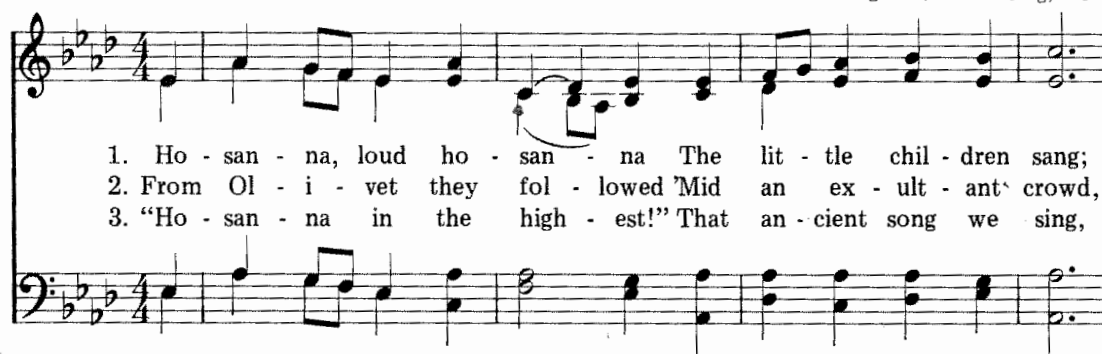
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 134

Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9

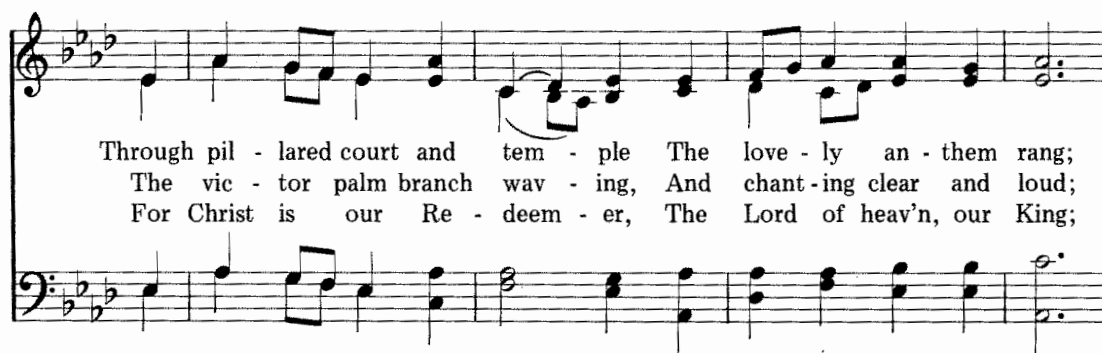
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Jennette Threlfall, 1873

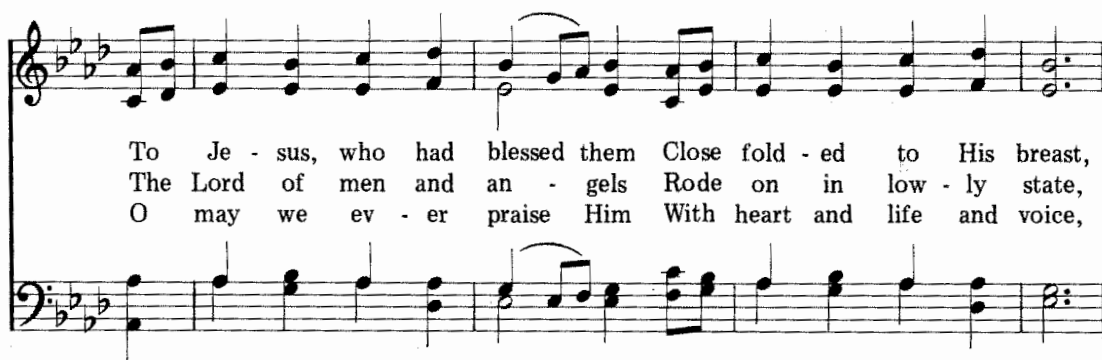
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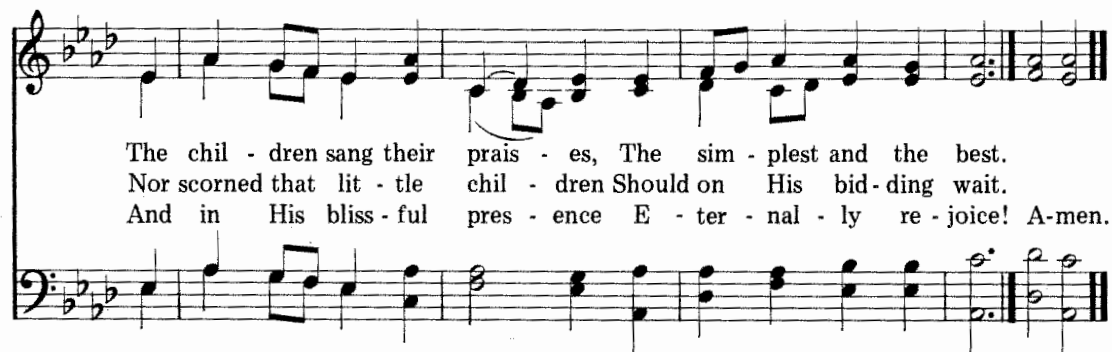
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant' crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice! A-men.

HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Til from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

[Chorus]

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Not in Me

No list of sins I have not done
No list of virtues I pursue
No list of those I am not like
Can earn myself a place with You
O God, be merciful to me
I am a sinner through and through
My only hope of righteousness
Is not in me, but only You

No humble dress, no fervent prayer
No lifted hands, no tearful song
No recitation of the truth
Can justify a single wrong
My righteousness is Jesus' life
My debt was paid by Jesus' death
My weary load was borne by Him
And he alone can give me rest

No separation from the world
No work I do, no gift I give
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands
I cannot cause my soul to live
But Jesus died and rose again
The power of death is overthrown
My God is merciful to me
And merciful in Christ alone



MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship Service

GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 pm Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY

6:15 am Sunrise Service

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary
parking lot – 130 Essex St, South Hamilton

10:00am Worship Service

Gordon College AJ Memorial Chapel
255 Grapevine Road, Wenham



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 24, 2024

Our mission is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.
Our vision is to be a house of refuge, a community of joy, and a spiritual catalyst for personal and cultural renewal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 25 - Pilgrim's Pint, Post Restaurant, 7:00 pm
- April 1 - GriefShare Zoom Session begins
- April 5 - HS Broom Hockey Meet, 8:30 pm
- April 6 - Women's Tea, 1:00 pm
- April 18 - Men's Night at the Post, 8:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Today! - Palm Sunday, 8:30 am and 11:00 am
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm
- March 29 - Good Friday, 1:00 pm
- March 31- Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 am GCTS parking lot
- March 31 - Easter Service, 10:00 am, AJ Gordon College Chapel

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome! We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher, or visit our Welcome Desk downstairs in the Fellowship Foyer.

For families we provide children's ministry. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery is for ages 0- 3, and our Little People's Church (LPC) program is for age 4 through 1st grade. LPC meets after the Children's Message during the 8:30 service. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am

- Infants - Preschool age children gather in the Meeting House
- Elementary age children meet on the lower level of the Ministry Center
- Middle Schoolers meet in the Ministry Center (Café)
- High Schoolers meet in the Barn
- Adults classes:
 - **Study of 1 Corinthians** with Dr. Eckhard Schnabel, MC Room 21
 - **Study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians** with Kornilios Lazaridis, MC Room 22
 - **How to Get More Comfortable with the Holy Spirit** with Dr. Jack Davis, Meeting House Chapel

Additional Resources: As a house of refuge, we want to care for you well. We have the deacon's fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, counseling, and other resources to help. Please reach out to us at info@fcchamilton.org.

We're so glad you're here and would love to serve you!

LENT 42

During Lent our goal is to memorize Psalm 42 as a church community. If you do not have a Lent 42 bookmark visit the information desk. While in Fellowship Foyer, see the artwork reflecting verses 9-10.

PILGRIM'S PINT

Our next Pilgrim's Pint (a casual and engaging lecture series exploring the 'ins' and 'outs' of Christian beliefs in a modern context) is tomorrow, March 25 at 7:00 pm at the Post in Hamilton. Dr. David Horn of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary will speak on *Friendship Is More Than A Greeting Card*. Invite a friend and join us for a lively talk and discussion as we reason together over a beverage of your choice. Register on the app/sign ups. Pilgrim's Pint is led by Josiah Coffey and sponsored by FCCH.

LOST & FOUND

We have designated two specific spots on our church campus for lost and found items. There is a bin in the Ministry Center by the coat rack and a bin in the church Meeting House across from the nursery. These baskets will be emptied monthly so if you're missing something check them out!

GRIEFSHARE

A new 13-week Zoom session begins on Monday, April 1 at 7:30 pm. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching focused on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Participants will prepare before each session by viewing a video on-line featuring respected grief experts and real-life stories, and working through a simple study in the accompanying workbook. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Register online at griefshare.org. For further information contact John Clark at (978) 375-6329 or johnclarkhydroseeding@outlook.com.

MONDAY MORNING MOM'S GROUP

Mom's with little ones meet every Monday from 9:15-10:15 am for a play date in the church nursery. Drop-ins always welcome. Contact Janelle Deddo, janelle.deddo@gmail.com, (630) 724-7425 for details.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN - FOR KIDS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Our Vacation Bible School, *The Courage of Daniel*, is for children 3 years through grade 5. Register your child online at fcchamilton.org/events or our app/signups. Registration is also open to be a volunteer.

LIFE AFTER FIFTY (LAF) SPRING GETAWAY

LAF is headed to the White Mountain Hotel & Resort on May 17, 18 and 19 for a relaxing springtime weekend. Our own David Rox is the guest speaker. If you fit the description of "Over Fifty" and love your life, you're a part of the group! Reservations need to be made by April 16, so don't miss out. Look for the posters for details. For further information, please contact John Clark at 978-375-6329, or johnclarkhydroseeding@outlook.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- No youth group for middle school and high school students this week.
- **Broom Hockey Tournament** - High school students time to register for the annual high school Broom Hockey tournament! The big event is scheduled for Friday, April 5. This friendly game is an opportunity to fellowship with other teens from Ipswich Presbyterian. So pull your brooms out of the closet and start preparing for this year's win (we hope)! Register on the app/sign ups.
- **Explore 2024** - Students entering grade 6, 7 and 8 are invited to join us as we *explore* the North Shore and our faith. Register now on our website at fcchamilton.org/events or use our app/sign ups.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adults Ministry at FCCH consists of two groups that meet weekly for a Bible study, fellowship and fun. Find out where you belong! Contact Pastor Matt, mschuberth@fcchamilton.org with questions.

- College Age: Sundays at 6:30 pm at Gordon College.
- Post College Age: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at the Pineda-Cooper home in Beverly.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Women's Bible study does not meet this week. We encourage you to join us for our Holy Week services.
- Registration is open for the Women's Tea! Join us on Saturday, April 6, at 1:00 pm in Heritage Hall for our annual Women's Tea and a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Our speaker, Rene Allen, will share on our theme from Psalm 91:4, "Resting in God's Protection." We are in need of hostesses, bakers, and volunteers. Register and sign up on the website at fcchamilton.org/women.

MEN'S NIGHT AT THE POST RESTAURANT - APRIL 18

Men: mark your calendars! Our next fellowship night at the Post restaurant in Hamilton will be Thursday, April 18 at 8:00 pm. The Men's Ministry will provide pizza and you may purchase your own beverages. Join us for a time of informal fellowship and getting to know each other better. This event is ideal to invite your non-church friends! Please register on the church app/sign ups so we know how many to expect. Contact Dave Rox with questions at david.rox@gordon.edu, or 978-257-4219.

MISSIONS

FCCH Missions Committee supports Wycliffe Bible Translators

- Steve and Laura Payne are both translation consultants with Seed Company, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators. They work in Asia, and since 2012 have trained new teams of national translators in 24 languages which previously didn't have any Scripture. They work with these groups to consultant check the translation before it is published and they also mentor new translation consultants-in-training.
- Carl & Ursula Williams have been serving in Benin together since 2002. Carl works as an IT specialist with several language teams in this region of West Africa. They have been working on the New Testament Translation Project in many of the languages of the region.

SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN

There are two types of groups for you to consider.

- Community groups - are gatherings of 8-12 adults who meet every two weeks to share their lives, learn from the Bible, pray for one another, and look for ways to serve others and share how to know and follow Jesus.
- Discipleship groups ("D" groups) - are groups of three to five people, of the same gender, who meet weekly for 12 to 18 months to grow in their understanding and expression of Christian faith in a supportive environment where questions are encouraged and doubts are expected.

Register for the type of group you want to be in at our website by going to Groups in the Connect tab or Connect Here in the church app. If you have other questions email Pastor Kevin at kbaird@fcchamilton.org.

If you would like to receive our weekly email, sign up at fcchamilton.org, or the church office, info@fcchamilton.org. If you signed up and are not receiving them, check your spam folder and add info@fcchamilton.org to your address book.

All submissions for the announcements must be received in the church office by Wednesdays at noon. Thank you!