

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Sunday March 28, 2021**  
**Palm Sunday**



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# Welcome to our church family!

## Tolling of the Bell

## Prelude: “O Splendor of God’s Bright” by Wilbur Held

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn - #267 – “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*(1) Hosanna loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillard court and temple the lovely anthem rang; to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. (2) From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait. (3) “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O May we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading- Luke 19:28-44

## Music for Reflection

## Morning Message – “Divine Doubts” - Offered by Sarah Hescheles

## Hymn – #272 – “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

*(1) Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter’s power: your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray. (2) Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned. O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross. (3) Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete! “It is finished!” hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

## Offering

- **Offertory Music: “Open the Gates of the Temple”**  
Words by Fanny Crosby, Music by Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp
- Offered by Vince Chew
- **The Doxology**

## Morning Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer

### Closing Hymn - #459 – “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

*(1) Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord; make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew. (2) Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy his praises sing. (3) Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe; worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For his grace give Christ the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.*

## Postlude

### Prayers Requests

Prayers	Healing prayers for Pam Minch, Larry & Carrie Minch’s daughter-in-Law Dennis Lyon, Heart Surgery	Essential Workers Teachers & Students Covid-19 patients and their families
Joys	SUNSHINE! 	

To submit a prayer request form please visit our website at [www.chxucc.org](http://www.chxucc.org)

# Weekly Schedule

Sunday 03/28	Mon 03/29	Tues 03/30	Wed 03/31	Thurs 04/01	Fri 04/02	Sat 04/03	Sunday 04/04
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship  Guest Preacher	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study In-Person			12:00pm Good Friday Service 1st Baptist	End of Lent	10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship  Easter Sunday  Guest Musician
<b>TOBY VACATION</b>							

## Please extend a warm welcome to Sarah Hescheles!

Sarah has spent her career building structures and cultivating communities and is passionate about co-creating sacred space that nourishes individual wholeness, supports integrated leaders, and weaves together life-giving, compassionate communities. Her degrees in architecture and theology give her a unique perspective in the work she enjoys with leaders, including faith formation leaders, those who care for all who are suffering and hurting, and those who actively work to strengthen their communities. In addition, Sarah's work with intergenerational women has added an important layer to experiencing and co-creating sacred space which informs her work.



Sarah received her Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School and Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Master of Divinity from Duke University, Bachelor of Science in Architecture from University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and was prepared as a Courage & Renewal facilitator by Parker J. Palmer and the Center for Courage & Renewal. She is a life-long United Methodist whose spirituality is profoundly influenced by the natural environment and has volunteered with faith communities serving in missions/social justice, worship, and youth ministry.

Sarah delights in writing and reading in front of the fire, photographing landscapes and wildlife, dancing, exploring the outdoors (hiking, biking, snowshoeing, skiing, gardening), and spending time with friends and family. She and her husband volunteer with the Boyne Mountain National Ski Patrol, live in Boyne City, and wholeheartedly experience each of Michigan's four seasons!