

CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

APRIL 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY - JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

Congregation please respond with the bolded lines

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Jesus, you rode into your city receiving the shouts and the welcome of many. Receive our welcome and our acclaim. Come to rule in our hearts and minds of all who worship and then help us to proclaim you as Lord over all the world. Amen.

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

The King is coming: Lift up your voices!

Our Savior is here: Shout for joy!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

+OPENING HYMN # 278

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

United Methodist Hymnal

+OPENING PRAYER

Blessing of the Palms

Almighty God, on this day your Son, Jesus Christ, entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches be signs for us of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our Lord, and follow Him in the way that leads to life, joy, and peace. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Trumpet Concerto”

Joseph Hadyn

Peter Auricchio, Trumpet

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of Light and Life, open our eyes and our hearts. Open our ears and our minds. Open our lives to your love that we may journey with you through this week and always. Amen.

A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Roy

(Young people invited to come forward then dismiss to Sunday School)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Amelia Eileen Conte

*Please respond as indicated in **bold***

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Lay Leader: I present Amelia Eileen Conte for Christian baptism.

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you put your trust in Christ, pledge to follow where he leads and promise to serve him in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Amelia in Christ's Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

QUESTION TO SPONSORS (GODPARENTS)

Will you who sponsor Amelia for baptism support and encourage her in her Christian life? **I will.**

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as Christ's body, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Amelia now before you in your care?

Representative of the Congregation: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Amelia with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan River to the Land which you promised.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Holy Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and she who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON/EXTENDING OF HANDS

Amelia Eileen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST – THE CHRIST CANDLE

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

WELCOMING BY THE CONGREGATION

Members of the household of God, I commend Amelia to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Congregation: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed Lord, we are moved to be your faithful disciples. Like the palms laid long ago in honor of your Son, we present these gifts for your work in the world. We proclaim that your love will transform the lives of all who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ. Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Allegre”
Peter Auricchio, Trumpet

Claude Bolling

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN # 2108

“O How He Loves You and Me”
The Faith We Sing

O, how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
O, how He loves you; O, how he loves me; O, how he loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
O, how He loves you; O, how he loves me; O, how he loves you and me.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40
Jesus Enters Jerusalem

New Revised Standard Version

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why

are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

MESSAGE

"Into the City"

Pastor Roy

CLOSING HYMN # 280

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

United Methodist Hymnal

BENEDICTION

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Thank you to Peter Auricchio, for sharing his gift of music with us today in worship

Today, Sunday, April 10, 2022, by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome Amelia Eileen Conte into Christ's Holy Church, Amelia is the daughter of Michael & Carol (Karbiner) Conte, granddaughter of Donna & the late Lou Conte and Jack & the late Patricia Karbiner, and the great-granddaughter of Catherine Slade and Carol Karbiner. She was born on May 19, 2021 and has an older brother, Jacob, who is 4 years old. Amelia's Godparents are Andrew & Victor Sierra