

Bloomfield Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
An open and affirming congregation

March 28, 2021



The Heart of Bloomfield

Bloomfield Congregational Church

10 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Gathered as Wintonbury Parish February 14, 1738

Renewing our faith as people of God

10 a.m. Sunday, March 28, 2021



WELCOME

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship:

One: The people sang, "*Hosana!*"

All: But, did they know what was *really* going on?

One: The people shouted, "*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of God!*"

All: But, did they realize what was *actually* happening?

One: The people sang and the people shouted, ready for their king to reign.

All: But, Jesus cried...

OPENING HYMN:

"The Palms"

(Lyrics will be on screen)

UNISON PRAYER:

God of Grace, we are trying; we really are. We are trying to follow Jesus. We are trying to do the right thing. We are trying to grow in our faith and in our strength to follow Him more closely.

As we try to do that, help us to follow The Way that Jesus wants us to follow and not our own. Help us to see the Jesus that *is* and not the Jesus we *want*. It is so easy to get that wrong. Help us to get it right. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Dorine DeCarli

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"Hard Life"

Written and Performed by PW Gopal

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever, Amen!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

God is here. God is still speaking!

Let us open our hearts and minds to God's Good News.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 19: 29 - 42

Reader is Kate Fennell

SERMON:

"How Stones Shout!"

A Palm Sunday Story

Rev. Shawn Fisher

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

OFFERING: *Help us grow The Kingdom of God here on earth* by using your Tithe.ly app, by using the "Give" button at the top of the screen of the service, or using the "Give" button on the church website. You may also send a donation by mail. Help us build and grow justice and love.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING:

"Nothing without You"

Performed by Scott Troyer and Katie Nelson Troyer

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

(Lyrics will be on screen)

BENEDICTION

Please join us for "Bring Your Own Coffee" Coffee Hour via Zoom after the service.

Join Zoom Meeting (for Video and Voice using a computer, smart phone, iPad or other similar device)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89071017843?pwd=eE9BSVE1cFFDWnBOamx3OFNyeIBLQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5936 8347

Passcode: 150133

To **Call** in (with **VOICE only**), call: (929) 436-2866

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Welcome to Bloomfield Congregational Church Online!

We hope you find your time with us to be meaningful.

Bathrooms can be found...um, heck, we don't know where your bathrooms are, but we sure hope you do! Please wash your hands (even after Covid-19 is gone).

*If you need one, a **Changing Station** can be found somewhere in your home hopefully... ☺.*

Children are ALWAYS WELCOME in service, no matter whether it's online or in person.

The sounds of infants, children are welcome here, just as Jesus welcomed them.

The sounds of adults are welcome too! (No need to be the "Frozen Chosen" here!)

If you have any questions, let us know and we'll make sure to get you an answer!

STAFF

Rev. Shawn R. Fisher, Pastor

Eustace Straker, Minister of Music

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Pastor Shawn may be reached for normal church communications by calling the office at 860-242-0776 ext. 201 or by email at fishersr@comcast.net.

We are also on Facebook and YouTube!



