

# First United Church

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## Office Hours

Mondays & Tuesdays:	<b>closed</b>
Wednesdays & Thursdays:	<b>9 am – 3:30 pm</b>
Fridays:	<b>8 am – 12 noon</b>

We're able to receive bulletin info until **Thursdays at 2**

**Rev van Vliet** is usually in the church offices Monday to Thursday afternoons. He tries to take Fridays off. In case of emergency he can be reached at 632-7129.

## Washrooms

**Upstairs:** through the door to the right of the stage.  
**Lower Hall:** through the exit between the coat racks.

First United strives to be a **scent free** facility

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**April 10, 2022**



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## April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalms 118 & Luke 19)

L: The stone rejected by the builders will become the foundation stone

**P: Blessed is the one who enters in the name of the LORD!**

L: If people remain silent on this day then the very stones would be compelled to shout.

Hymn: *All Glory Laud and Honour* VU 122

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* VU 123

Reading: Luke 19: 28-40

Message: The Basis for Palm Sunday

Hymn: *We Give You But Your Own* VU 542

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Ride On! Ride on, in Majesty* VU 127

Blessing

Postlude

**Interesting fact 1:** We all “know” that Jesus had 12 disciples. Matthew and Mark agree on the names of all 12. Luke agrees with them on 11, but omits Thaddeus, opting instead for a second Judas. John mentions only 7 directly (including a second Judas whom he specially names ‘Judas, not Iscariot’), but one of John’s 7 is Nathaniel, who isn’t mentioned in any of the other gospels. So, all tolled, there are 14 disciples named in the four gospels – leading to the assumption that the number 12 was more symbolic than an actual tally.

**Interesting fact 2:** Despite the iconic name of this day, the first three Gospels don’t mention palms at all. Matthew, Mark and Luke all agree that the crowds laid coats on the road. John is the only Gospel account that mentions palms.

### Holy Week Schedule

April 14 – **Maundy Thursday** at 7 pm

April 15 – **Good Friday** at 10 am

April 17 – **Easter Sunday** at 11 am

## **We Give You But Your Own**

**VU 542**

We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be:  
all that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.

## **Ride On! Ride On in Majesty**

**VU 127**

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**The Way Forward:** As you noticed when you came in, we are no longer checking ID at the door, and you can sit where you want. You're also allowed to take off your masks. And best of all, everyone is allowed to sing. It's important to remember, though, that just because we're *allowed* to do these things doesn't mean that you *must*. If you feel more comfortable sitting with a bit of separation from others, then you can do that. And if you feel comfortable wearing your mask for a while longer, then you can most certainly do that as well.

**Ukraine:** We strongly condemn Vladimir Putin's unprovoked aggression against neighbouring Ukraine. Our response is neither political or military, but we can help at least a few of the millions of refugees. The United Church is part of a humanitarian consortium called ACT Alliance. 100% of your gift goes directly to help those in need. If you want to help please be sure to make out your cheques or PAR byline to **United Church Emergency Response – Ukraine.**

## All Glory Laud and Honour

VU 122

All glory, laud and honour  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and blessed one. **R**
2. The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. **R**
3. To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. **R**
4. Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious king. **R**

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VU 123

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the happy children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful 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 victory palm branch waving,  
and singing clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
content that little children  
should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
earth, let your anthems ring.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his humble presence  
eternally rejoice!

## Financial Update

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