



**Palm Sunday**

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636  
United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

## A NOTE ABOUT LENTEN WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

*Lent is the liturgical season given especially to contemplation and to the cultivation of prayer, study and spiritual discipline. Inspired by the story of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and preparation in the desert wilderness, we are invited on a path of self-awareness and self-engagement with the suffering and separation in our lives, our relationships and in our world.*

*Each week we offer a different set of household prayers, for morning and evening. You are invited to read these alone or with your families, throughout the 40 days of Lent. You may wish to follow them with a time for silent reflection or perhaps a short conversation about what they inspire in you. This week's prayer suggestions are as follows:*

*\*From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2012)*

### *Morning Prayer*

*God, as I enter into this new day,  
I ask that you keep me mindful  
of the profound nature of this Holy Week.  
Help me to go beyond the joyful parade  
of the palms and to follow Jesus  
into the suffering of this world,  
mindful that he was obedient to you,  
even to the cross. Amen.*

### *Evening Prayer*

*Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.  
If I remembered today my betrayals of you,  
remind me now  
of your steadfast love for me,  
as I give this day into your hands  
and rest in peace. Amen.*

**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**March 24, 2013**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

*Our service will begin in the yard outside the main door, weather permitting.*

**\*GREETING**

Reebee Girash

- L: People of God, sing Hosanna!  
**C: Hosanna! God is near! Our healing is at hand!**  
L: People of God, lift high your palms!  
**C: The Servant comes, lowly and kind!**  
L: Even the stones cry out:  
**C: Hosanna! Glory!**  
L: The lips of children honor him!  
**C: They welcome the One who comes in God's name!**  
L: Assemble now to follow him, and sing God's endless praise!

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**All: Hosanna, hosanna, God of Love!**  
**You sent Jesus to serve and to save!**  
**By his hand you heal us and feed us.**  
**You console and give justice to the poor!**  
**For his ministry in the world, we praise you!**  
**For your faithfulness to him, we praise you!**  
**All glory, laud and honor**  
**to the One who comes in your holy name!**

**\*HYMN (insert)**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*During the hymn, the congregation proceeds into the sanctuary.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Sarah Higginbotham

**ANTHEM**

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Luc Jakobs

*Hosanna to the Son of David.*  
*Blessed be He that comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.*  
*Hosanna in the highest heavens!*

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal. The C (Cambridge) - section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Norm Bendroth

SILENCE

LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sins,  
asking for pardon, healing and peace.

**All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 89 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

MULTIGENERATIONAL LITURGICAL DANCE

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

COMMUNAL READING OF PSALM 118:1-2, 19-24, 26-29

One: I thank you, God, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting! Let Israel say:

**All: Your love is everlasting!**

One: Open the gates of justice to me. Let me come in and thank you, God.  
This is the gate of God, and only the upright can enter.

One: Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.  
Let the people of God say:

**All: Your love is everlasting!**

One: It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the cornerstone;  
This is God's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

One: This is the day that God has made – let us celebrate with joy!  
 And let the people say:  
**All: Your love is everlasting!**  
 One: Blessings on the One who comes in the name of God.  
 We bless you from God's temple.  
 Let the people say:  
**All: Your love is everlasting!**  
 One: The Lord is God, and God has enlightened us. Join the festal procession!  
 One: With palm fronds in hand, go up to the horns of the altar! And say:  
**All: Your love is everlasting!**  
 One: You are my God, and I thank you; you are my God, and I exalt you.  
 One: Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.  
 One: Thank you, God, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting!  
 And let all God's children say:  
**All: Your love is everlasting! Amen!**

READING

Luke 19: 28-40

REFLECTION

Dan Smith

\*HYMN 180

*A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Vexilla Regis Prodeunt*

Anton Bruckner

*Abroad the Regal Banners fly,  
 Now shines the Cross's mystery;  
 Upon it Life did death endure,  
 And yet by death did life procure.*

*Hail, Cross, of hopes the most sublime!  
 Now in this mournful Passion time,  
 Improve religious souls in grace,  
 The sins of criminals efface.*

*Blest Trinity, salvation's spring,  
 May every soul Thy praises sing;  
 To those Thou grantest conquest by  
 The holy Cross, rewards apply. Amen.*

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Karen McArthur

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray (silence, intercessions, Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

**All: 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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN *(insert)*

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

*The congregation is invited to come forward and gather around the labyrinth for our closing hymn. This labyrinth, which is on loan to us, will be open for your personal use at various times throughout this Holy Week. Please stay after church to try it or come back at a quieter time to walk the path, whether alone or together with a few friends.*

\*BENEDICTION

*The bulletin cover is an image of the road made from palms, taken at a previous Palm Sunday worship service.*

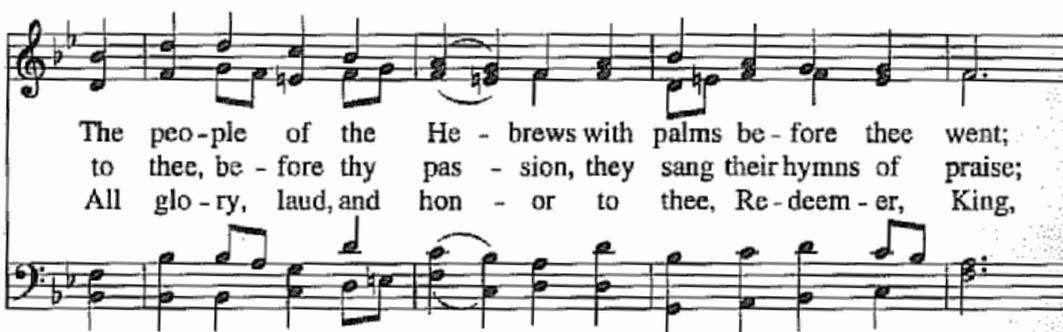
## All Glory, Laud and Honor



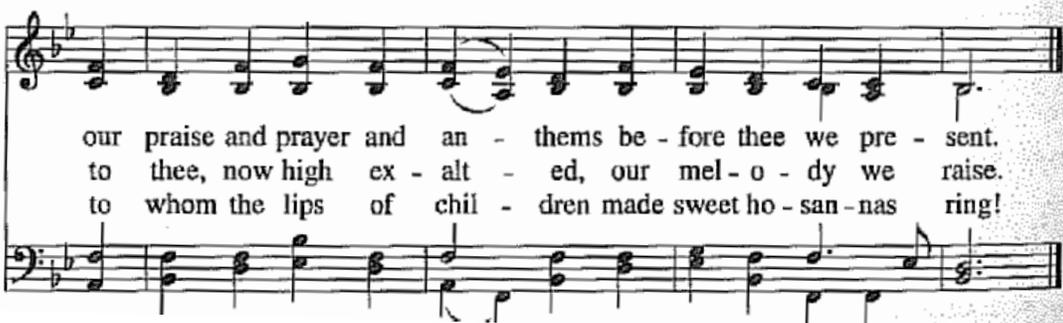
1. All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al son,  
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
who in the Lord's name com - est, the true and bless - ed One;  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,



our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

## Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system includes a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line. The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley, he had to  
2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley, we have to  
3. You must go and stand your tri - al, you have to

walk it by him - self; O, no-bod - y else could walk it  
walk it by our - selves; O, no-bod - y else can walk it  
stand it by your - self, O, no-bod - y else can stand it

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.  
for us, we have to walk it by our - selves.  
for you, you have to stand it by your - self.

WORDS and MUSIC: American spiritual

LONESOME VALLEY  
8 8.10 8

This American spiritual came from white communities. It speaks of the trials and temptations that we, like Jesus, experience.

## **WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...**

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at **[www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org)**.

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.**

**Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship.

Nursery care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

**PREACHING TODAY IS** Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Reebee Girash, Interim Minister, Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist is First Church member Norm Bendroth. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. The communal Psalm is adapted from The Inclusive Bible.

he **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at [parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

## **TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST Today at 10:00 a.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** Join us as we participate in one of the most ancient and common and sustaining of Christian practices - sharing a meal together, in atmosphere where strangers are guests, guests are friends, and friends are family. The Friends of Fellowship are providing the breakfast food, and the menu includes: homemade quiche, fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, hot cross buns (of course) and juice. Just come, join the buffet line and enjoy! Breakfast at 10 a.m. in Margaret Jewett Hall will nourish us in body and spirit for our 10:55 Palm Sunday procession from the lawn into the sanctuary.

**COFFEE HOUR Today after worship, Margaret Jewett Hall** Please join us for cookies, coffee and good fellowship after worship today in Margaret Jewett Hall.

**SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room** How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney ([tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org)) or Carter West ([stbosal@arczip.com](mailto:stbosal@arczip.com)).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS (8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders) Today at 4:00 p.m., Room 204** This year the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders of the church are walking together on the journey of Confirmation.

**NIGHT SONG FEATURING *TAPESTRY* Today at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary** Plan to attend a unique Night Song experience organized by Cristi Catt for tonight. The hour will feature *Tapestry*: Cristi Catt, soprano, Laurie Monahan, mezzo-soprano and Daniela Tasic, alto. Their guests will be Clare McNamara, mezzo-soprano, James Williamson, tenor, Elijah Hopkin, tenor and Jacob Cooper, baritone. The trademark of the Boston-based vocal ensemble *Tapestry* is combining medieval repertory and contemporary compositions in bold, conceptual programming. At Night Song *Tapestry* will perform selections from their new concert program: Magnificat: The Dawning of the Night, which will tour during the 2013-2014 season. The program features medieval polyphony paired with Magnificat by Arvo Part and Arcanae written for Ensemble PAN and *Tapestry* by Patricia Van Ness. Arcanae was described by the Louisville Courier Journal as a work “with soaring dynamics for soprano and unusually closely wrought harmonies for male singers, the music was immediately beguiling.”

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO WALK THE LABYRINTH** On loan from Hancock United Church of Christ in Lexington, a beautiful hand-painted labyrinth will be in under the dome in the sanctuary during Holy Week and into the season of Easter. You are invited to come in (during specified times) and walk the labyrinth, alone or with friends. Labyrinths have long been used as a tool in walking meditations. During Holy Week, the labyrinth will be available: Monday, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesday 12 – 2 p.m., Wednesday 2 – 4 p.m., and Thursday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 2 – 4 p.m., and Friday, 4 - 6 p.m. Post Easter availability will be announced at a later date.

**FAMILY NIGHT Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Sage Hall** First Church families gather every other week in Sage Hall for a simple potluck supper and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. The next Family Night will be April 9.

**SING HALLELUJAH THIS EASTER!** Our Easter Sunday worship will end jubilantly with an all-church singing of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. Words will be printed in the bulletin and a limited number of scores will be available (enough for you to share one with your neighbor). Whatever your voice part or your singing experience, you are heartily encouraged to join in. Plan to make a joyful noise with us as we celebrate the miracle of Easter. If you'd like to prepare, search YouTube for “Sing the Hallelujah Chorus.” This video allows you to hear your part amidst the chorus.

**EASTER SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP March 31, 5:00 p.m. Margaret Jewett Hall** Please join us in an Easter jazz worship and musical meditation. Pianist Carolyn Wilkins and her band will lead us through inspiring selections of African-American spirituals, Jazz standards, and Gospel songs. Celebrate the new life and joy that dawn again on Easter day!

**SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 3 -TREMENDOUS HEARTS FILM SCREENING** Please join us April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Hastings Room to view a short film about the work of Tremendous Hearts, an organization whose mission is to provide highly-skilled volunteers to commit to long term projects to improve the lives of orphans and other vulnerable children in South African. Staff from Tremendous Heart's will be available to discuss the film and answer questions about the organization. Refreshments will be available.

**FIRST CHURCH TEEN OVERNIGHT Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** First Church teens in grades 8-12 and their friends are invited to an overnight lock-in at the church followed by a day of community service for Boston's homeless population in partnership with the Boston Urban Outreach Program. The cost is \$35 per person and scholarship money is available. To sign up or to learn more, contact affiliate minister Julie Rogers at [jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:jrogers@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**PASTORAL CARE TEAMS SUMMIT Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room** Our Pastoral Care Teams are vital for reminding those of our First Church family who are going through especially difficult or especially joyful times, or are just unable to be with us on Sundays, that they are not alone. The Teams do so by their amazing dedication and generosity of time. On April 7, following Morning Worship, we'll be having a Pastoral Care Teams Summit for Team members — new and old — to share and compare what their experiences have been like, to ask questions, and to talk about ways we can fine tune the work we do. And if you haven't been on a Pastoral Care Team and would like to find out more, this is a great opportunity to do so! If you have questions, contact Terry McKinney, [tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org).

**BOOK GROUP *GOD HAS A DREAM: A VISION OF HOPE FOR OUR TIME*, Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.** Reebee will be leading a book group in April on one of Desmond Tutu's *God Has a Dream* writings. E-mail Reebee, or sign up at Coffee Hour if you would like to join this book group. We will meet Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 24, both at 7:00 pm. Books will be available in Margaret Jewett Hall during coffee hour

**WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION** The Women's Retreat will take place Friday night April 12th - Sunday, noon April 14th at Craigville Conference Center, Cape Cod. This annual tradition is a wonderful way to spend with other women for a time of fellowship, reflection and renewal. If you are newer feel free to ask others about the event. We'd love to have you join a relaxing weekend overlooking the ocean. The *Janyce Jennings Fund* allows all women to attend regardless of ability to pay. Car pools are organized that all may attend. Register on the First Church website by clicking on "Worship, Music & Spiritual Life," then "Small Groups". Registration continues during coffee hour through 4/7/13.

**NEXT JOINING SUNDAY ON APRIL 28** Are you a newcomer to First Church? Interested in joining First Church? If you answered yes to either of these questions and would like to know our more about community, please join church leaders during for our next Third-Sunday Newcomer Gathering on April 21, during coffee hour. We will get to know each other better and discuss whatever questions you may have. We can also share with you the wide range of possibilities for deeper involvement in our community, whether in small groups or in learning and service opportunities. If you would like to join First Church on April 28, please let Dan Smith know at [dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org).

### **GET INVOLVED**

**DONATE TO THE PRISON BOOK PROGRAM** The Mission and Social Justice Committee urges you to donate books to the Prison Book Program, an affiliate of the City Mission Society. Please bring gently used or new books to church on Sunday March 31st and/or Sunday April 7th. There will be cartons in the narthex of First Church to receive the books. A big thank you to Gay Harter and Norm Bendroth for transporting the books to their destination. Paperbacks will be made available to prisoners; hardbacks will be sold to support the Prison Book Program. (Prisons

exclude hardbacks.) Dictionaries are a priority, but all books welcome. Thank you for your contribution of books. For information, contact Gay Harter at [asharter@verizon.net](mailto:asharter@verizon.net).

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER** If you wish to donate memorial flowers for loved ones this Easter, please send the names of those to be remembered to Jim Tomlinson in the First Church office by March 24, at [jtomlinson@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:jtomlinson@firstchurchcambridge.org). Contributions of \$20 to help defray the cost of flowers can be made online (check off the Easter Flowers category) or can be included in the offering plate (checks payable to First Church in Cambridge), with a memo line of Easter Flowers. On Easter Sunday, the congregation is invited to take a plant to a homebound parishioner to spread the joy of Easter.

**MISSION 4/1** The Earth Stewardship Team invites everyone to participate in **Mission 4/1 Earth** from **April 1 to May 19**, fifty days of powering down, greening up, and shouting out for the environment. During these fifty days from Easter to Pentecost we will plant trees, write advocacy letters on environmental concerns, build food gardens, and create ways of caring for the earth and our neighbors. On **Sunday April 21**, we will celebrate Mission 4/1 Earth with liturgy about what it means to be stewards of the earth, a blessing of the bicycles, inter-generational singing, and more. We may also have some service opportunities on April 20. Excited? Read more at <http://www.ucc.org/earth/>, and for further information contact Susan Redlich ([susan.redlich@gmail.com](mailto:susan.redlich@gmail.com)) or Reebee Girash ([rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org)).

**WELCOME SPRING WITH A PLANTING OF COLORFUL PANSIES AND CHOCOLATE** Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)-Cambridge is selling boxes of six plants for \$3.00. Order by March 30 and pick them up at First Church on April 7 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Contact Ann Curby (617-876-6255) with questions or to place an order. RIM/Cambridge is also selling Fair Trade chocolate to support refugees arriving in Boston. There is a choice of milk or dark chocolate, for \$3/bar or 2/\$5. We will be ordering cases and will have bars to sell along with the pansies. If you'd like to help us by committing to sell a case, please contact Elizabeth Lovance ([lovance@gmail.com](mailto:lovance@gmail.com)) by March 22.

**PRACTICING HOSPITALITY: PEW CLIP BOARDS** Visitor cards/prayer request cards and temporary nametags are on the clipboard at the end of your pew. Please pass the clipboards down the pew so that everyone can view them. Completed visitor cards/prayer cards can be put into the offertory container. And, as always, please wear your name tag. If you have questions, contact Karen McArthur or Reebee Girash.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary.** *We recall the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples, to love one another as he loved us. We remember his last meal with his friends by celebrating Holy Communion. And in a candle-lit then darkened sanctuary we call to mind Jesus' anguish and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. The service will be led in part by members of our confirmation class. A ritual of foot washing will be offered for anyone who wishes to participate.*

**Good Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Lindsay Chapel.** *We lament the world's pain and injustice, and we honor the death of Jesus on the cross of shame.*

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary.** *Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! We celebrate and rejoice in God's gift of new life through the Resurrection of Jesus. With joy-filled worship and special music we lift up the good news that not even death can separate us from the love of God in Christ.*

**Easter Sunday Jazz Worship, March 31st, 5:00 p.m. Margaret Jewett Hall** *Please join us in an Easter jazz worship and musical meditation. Pianist Carolyn Wilkins and her band will lead us through inspiring selections of African-American spirituals, Jazz standards, and Gospel songs. Celebrate the new life and joy that dawn again on Easter day!*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, March 24

#### Palm Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:55 a.m. Procession from front lawn into Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Multigenerational Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Room 204
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 26

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall

### Wednesday, March 27

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office

### Thursday, March 28

#### Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Worship & Communion, Sanctuary

### Friday, March 29

#### Good Friday

- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Lamentation, Lindsay Chapel

### Sunday, March 31

#### Easter Sunday

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- 11:00 a.m. Christ is Risen! Multigenerational Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Worship, MJH
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

## First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;  
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;  
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;  
To respect and preserve God's earth;  
To foster community across every barrier and division;  
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;  
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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