

Words for meditation and preparation: "For grace to be grace, it must give us things we didn't know we needed and take us places where we didn't know we didn't want to go. As we stumble through the crazily altered landscape of our lives, we find that God is enjoying our attention as never before." - Kathleen Norris

GATHERING MUSIC *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Judith Arnold

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Little Partita for Lent (vs. 1)* James Woodman (b. 1957)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Maren Tirabassi) Ben Pulaski
Blessed is the Messiah who comes in humility and love.

Blessed is the Savior who rides through hope-songs and stone-weeping.

Blessed is the Messiah who entered the dangerous streets of Jerusalem long ago, not to continue the cycle of violence but to absorb it into his own life so that it would die with him.

Blessed is the Savior who enters the uncertain terrain of our lives today and calls us towards open-heartedness in the midst of a closed-hearted world.

"Redeemer, come! We open wide
our hearts to you here, Lord, abide.
***Let us your inner presence feel;
your grace and love in us reveal."***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (see white insert)

*GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (adapted from *Touch Holiness*) Kathleen Zagata

O God, in some ways, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago.

We are hungry for a hero. We crave some glimpse of greatness.

We are starving for the spectacular.

We are gathered here like those who watched the

Passion-Parade in Jerusalem, craning our necks

to catch a glimpse of our Messiah.

As we wait here for the Savior to come, forgive our disappointment

when the special one appears in ways we do not expect.

Open our hearts to the life-changing love that you offer us,

even when your love catches us by surprise.

And hear us now, as we pray together...

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 sins as we forgive those

who sin 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

*AN ACT OF PRAISE *The Gloria Patri* PH 513

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

***Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end, amen, amen.***

TIME FOR THE YOUNG "Palm Parade" Ben Pulaski

*HYMN *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!* Red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal #175
(Children are invited to leave for Stepping Stones at this point.)

THE CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Will Burhans
Offering Anthem *Hosanna*[1988] René Clausen (b. 1953)
Psalm 118, vv. 25-29

Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna.

We bless you from the name of the Lord, hosanna.

For God is the Lord, he has shined upon us, hosanna.

You are my God and I will thank you. You are my God and I will praise you.

I will give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

Hosanna.

Doxology (Please use words that are most meaningful to you) NCH 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Will

SCRIPTURE Liturgist: Aaron Kneiss

Zechariah 9:9-13
Luke 19:28-40

SERMON "March Madness" Rev. Will

THE CHANGING OF THE PARAMENTS

(Each church season we change the Altar cloth and the other hangings to reflect the color of the season. As we move from Palm Sunday into Holy Week, we strip the Chancel of its Lenten purple and add only a simple black cloth which will remain the backdrop through our Maundy Thursday service, the Vigil and Holy Saturday.)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Rev. Judy

During Lent, we have the opportunity to lift our prayers in light as well as in words. When invited, those who wish to may come forward and mark their prayers by lighting a candle. Should you desire to communicate your prayers in words to the congregation, index cards are provided in the pews for you to write a prayer on. Place the card in the baskets on the candle table, and they will be added to the prayer bulletin board in Chidley Hall. During the prayer time, we will sing "Jesus, Remember Me" as our prayer response (please see white insert).

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Black-covered New Century Hymnal #226

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (remain standing please)

Rev. Will

POSTLUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

PH indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

NCH indicates New Century Hymnal (black)

*Those who are able please stand

Head-sets for the hearing impaired & large print bulletins are available from the deacons.

We encourage you to use the nametags available in the vestibule.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy Worth, by her sons, Eric & Owen, and her husband, Cliff.

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Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton

Tyler Campbell, Assistant Sexton

Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

People We are Praying for...

| <u>Names</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|--|----------------|
| Bradford Swing | for healing |
| Rev. Jena Roy | for healing |
| Jessica Brand | for healing |
| Rev. Janet Dorman, previous Associate Pastor | for healing |

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

Tuesdays with Jesus: February 9 - March 22

6:30-7:00 PM Centering Prayer

7:00-8:00 PM Breaking Bread and reading scripture

Come join us for a time of prayer, conversation and a simple meal together each Tuesday during the season of Lent. Come to just the centering prayer time or just the mealtime or come to both. Come every Tuesday or whichever Tuesday works best for you. Come as you are and support your own ongoing prayer practice or learn a new one. Questions, comments, enthusiasm? Contact Will Burhans (iwillb@fcc-winchester.org or 781-729-9180) and/or Jena Roy (jenaroy@aol.com or 617-480-2558).

Maundy Thursday Vigil

March 24th & 25th

Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his death. In response, we hold an all-night vigil in our sanctuary — staying awake with Christ and praying for a suffering world. The Vigil begins at 9:00 PM on March 24th (after the Tenebrae Service of Shadows) and ends at noon on Good Friday, March 25th with a brief Vigil closing service. All are invited to help keep watch with the single Christ Candle that is lit at the end of the Tenebrae Service. No sign up is required to participate. We are also seeking Anchors to ensure a continuous watch through the night. The sign up sheet for anchors is located in the Church lobby.

Church Events This Week (March 20-27)

| SUNDAY | Palm Sunday | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----|--|
| | 9:30 | AM | Blessing of the Palms on the Common |
| | 10:00 | AM | Worship: Palm Sunday |
| | 10:00 | AM | J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades |
| | 10:00 | AM | Rite 13 7th & 8th graders |
| | 10:15 | AM | Stepping Stones (Church School) |
| | 11:30 | AM | Leadership team Meeting |
| | 4:00 | PM | Girl Scouts |
| | 4:00 | PM | Sounds of Grace |
| | 7:00 | PM | Ruth Group |
| | 7:30 | PM | FORUM (High School) |
| MONDAY | 7:00 | PM | Carilloneers |
| TUESDAY | 6:30 | PM | Tuesdays with Jesus |
| | 7:30 | PM | Boy Scouts |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 | AM | Men's Coffee & Conversation |
| | 10:00 | AM | Ministry Team Meeting |
| | 10:00 | AM | FAN Toddler Playgroup |
| THURSDAY | Maundy Thursday | | |
| | 7:30 | PM | Service of Tenebrae |
| | 9:00 | PM | Maundy Thursday Vigil |
| FRIDAY | Good Friday ~ Office Closed | | |
| | 12:00 | PM | Vigil Closing Service |
| SUNDAY | Easter Sunday | | |
| | 6:15 | AM | Easter Sunrise Service at Wright -Locke Farm |
| | 9:00 | AM | Easter Service |
| | 9:45 | AM | Pancake Breakfast |
| | 11:00 | AM | Easter Service |
| | 7:30 | PM | FORUM (High School) |

Easter Lilies and Tulips

You are invited to donate a chancel Easter plant as a memorial or as a gift. Plants will be distributed to our shut-ins following the worship service on **Easter Sunday, March 27**.

The cost of plants is \$20.00 each.

All orders are due Today

I wish to purchase _____plants, which will be

_____In memory of_____ In honor of (please check as appropriate)

Given by_____

Please return this form with cash, or a check payable to First Congregational Church, with memo "flowers" to the church office.



REMINDER to members and families: Join in our tradition of delivering an Easter plant to a member at home or in a local nursing facilities. Plants will be available after the 9 and 11 am services in the front of the sanctuary.

Ruth Group: Change in date

The March meeting of the Ruth Group will be held Tonight at 7pm at the home of Susan Sawyer, 15 Sheffield West. We will be discussing God Help the Child by Toni Morrison. All women of the church are welcome and new members are invited to join us. For more information or to arrange transportation please contact Joyce Mills at 617-835-4692 or joycemills1966@hotmail.com

Being Mortal Film and Discussion

Join us from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM on April 3rd to view and discuss the PBS Frontline documentary *Being Mortal* — an examination of what matters most at the end of life, with surgeon and best-selling author Atul Gawande. A light lunch will be provided. Kindly RSVP to Karen Roberts by March 30th so we may plan accordingly (kerob@comcast.net or 781-729-0518). ~The Adult Faith Formation Ministry

Bagels & Bunnies

Saturday March 26 at 9:30 AM

Perhaps you thought the Easter Bunny was not a religious figure. Well, you'd be wrong. No, I'm not talking about ancient fertility symbols, I'm talking about modern fund raising events. On Saturday, March 26th, the Easter Bunny will be at our church to meet and greet all the kids. (RAIN OR SHINE) He (or is it she?) will be available for picture taking - as well as supervising the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be prizes for the finder of two special eggs. Where does the fund raising come in? Well, it's simple... we just ask for a donation to get your picture taken with the bunny and for the bagels! Bring your camera (or we will have a camera and will email you the pictures if you'd prefer!) COME HAVE A MORNING OF FUN AND HELP SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL TRIPS THIS YEAR! As always, the candy will all be nut free.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Ostinato Response

Mixed Voices

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with psalms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.