

First Parish Congregational Church  
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**March 20, 2016**

**Palm Sunday**



BLESSED IS THE ONE  
*who comes*  
*in the name of the Lord!*

PEACE *in heaven, and* GLORY  
*in the highest heaven!*

+ LUKE 19:38

ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.  
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,  
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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**Palm Sunday**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS AND CONCERNS

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Lighting the Candles

\*HYMN NO. 213

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: He's riding on a donkey

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Open the gates

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Open the ancient doors

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Don't be afraid

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Wave the branches

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Spread out your coats

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Peace on earth

**All: Shout Hosanna**

One: Glory in the highest heaven

**All: Shout Hosanna**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

**Save us Lord!**

**Hosanna!**

**To you who triumphed over death,  
we sing our praise.**

**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

**As we face your death  
and recall the week of your suffering,  
may we do so with a joy  
that anticipates the celebration  
of your resurrection;  
may we do so with the confidence  
to turn to you  
in both life and death. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE #760 (Ma-si-thi) Amen siyakudumisa (repeat x1)

**Amen Bawo, Amen Bawo, Amen siyakudumisa**

**(Sing Amen) Amen, we praise your name, O God (repeat x1)**

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen we praise your name, O God.**

**WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN**

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*"I'm Gonna Sing"*

**I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing (x2)**

**I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Dear God, we offer you our gifts with thanks and praise, be with us and guide us all of our days. Teach us how to love each other, and to shine your light into the world. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sue Handy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.** (Children may now go to their Sunday School classes).

\*HYMN NO. 215

*"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

(N.T. p. 85)

SERMON

Make Jerusalem Great Again

The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Hosanna, Hosanna"*

Joseph Martin

**WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Out of the Depths"*

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

\*DOXOLOGY #562

**Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me, gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free, now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away, now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude that all whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

\*HYMN NO. 216

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"To Calvary"*

POSTLUDE

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

**Welcome Visitors!**

**As members of the United Church of Christ we say:  
“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here!” We mean it!**

**Please introduce yourself to an usher or come meet Pastor Deborah or Pastor Heidi.**

**Thank you for worshiping with us.**

**We are so glad that you with us today.**

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH  
DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
LAY READER  
USHERS

Members of the Congregation  
Cindy Pingree and Reni Harnden  
Reni Harnden  
Stanley and Holly Gorgol  
Tom and Andrea Cooper  
Michael Bryan  
Beth Hunter  
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath  
Susan Handy  
Jeff DeLangie  
Lindsey Roman

GREETER(s)  
SENIOR PASTOR  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
ORGANIST  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**First Parish Activity Calendar**

**Sunday, March 20**

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier  
8:00am Historic Preservation ~ Archive  
8:00am Youth Ministry ~ A/B  
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Rm  
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary  
10:15am Sunday School ~ John  
11:15am Children’s Choir ~ Luke  
11:30am Mission ~ A/B  
11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ Luke  
1:00pm Pack 405 Pinewood Derby ~ Currier

**Monday, March 21**

7:00pm Troop 405 ~ Currier/AB/Nursery

**Tuesday, March 22**

9:30am Nutfield Gym ~ Currier  
4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier  
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke  
6:30pm AA ~ Library  
7:00pm Facilities ~ Cook  
7:00pm OA ~ A/B

**Wednesday, March 23**

8:30am Rehab Fundraising Com. ~ A/B  
6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ John  
7:00pm AA 12 Step Workshop ~ Nursery

**Thursday, March 24**

**Maundy Thursday**

4:30pm Daisy Trp 11080 ~ John  
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Supper ~ Currier  
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service ~ Sanctuary

**Friday, March 25**

**Holy Friday**

1:00pm Holy Friday Ecumenical Service ~ Sanctuary  
7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

**Saturday, March 26**

7:30pm AA ~ Currier

**Sunday, March 27**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30am Sunrise Service ~ Broadview Farm  
7:00am Easter Breakfast Buffet ~ Currier  
10:00am Easter Service ~ Sanctuary  
3:00pm Patel family gathering ~ Currier

## Scriptures – March 20

### Luke 19.28-40

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ <sup>34</sup>They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>saying,

‘Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!’

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ <sup>40</sup>He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’