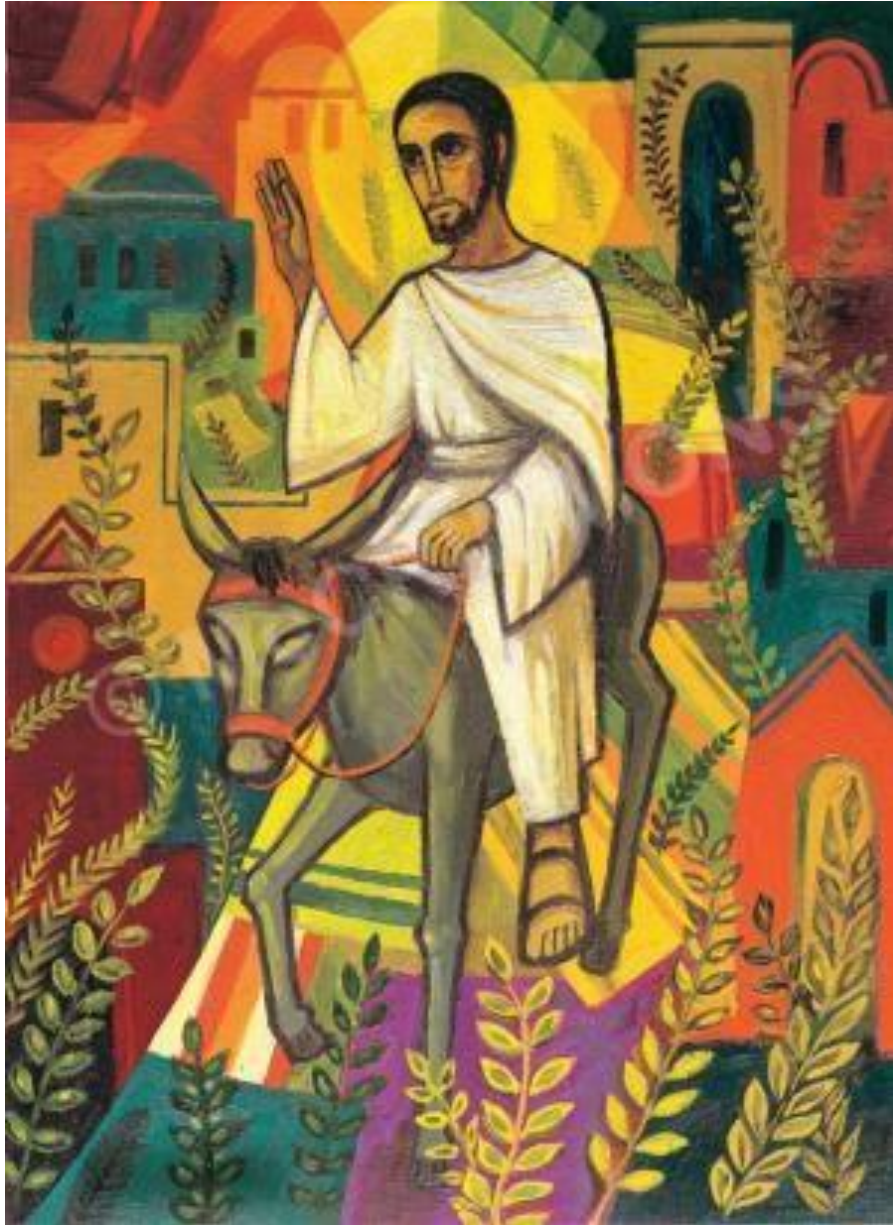


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Triumphal Entry

First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is an historic community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education. In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God, Christian fellowship and service to others.
In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PALM SUNDAY PARADE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME

HYMN: #213 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (All verses)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Led by Nancy Murdock)

One: This is a day of joyous welcome.

All: We welcome Christ with waving branches.

One: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise.

All: Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter.

One: This is the day that our God has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INVOCATION (Led by lay reader. Join in at home.)

Be gracious to us, O God, as we rejoice in this day that you have made. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the infinite possibilities available to us when we nurture relationship with you. In you we trust, in you we find a home. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: #1 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸ It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹ The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

HYMN: #215 ***Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*** (vs. 1,2)

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION (lay reader)

The lessons we have learned are meant to be passed on. The grace we have received is intended to inspire us to be more grace-filled. The love we have received is meant to be shared with abandon.

If you are joining us virtually, please use the next few moments to share joys and concerns in the chat. Our services are recorded. Please use first names. God knows who you mean.

STAR ISLAND – Labor Day Retreat

DOXOLOGY: #562 ***Take My Gifts*** (vs. 1)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Led by lay reader, please join in.)

In the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, we offer our financial support and the gifts of time and talent in service to God's work in the world. We rejoice in this opportunity to give and to continue to walk with Jesus until his work is done. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE AND PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER followed by

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

HYMN: #218 ***Ah, Holy Jesus*** (vs. 1)

SCRIPTURE: John 19:16b-22

¹⁶ Then (Pilate) handed (Jesus) over to them to be crucified. So, they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in

Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

REFLECTION by Pastor Deborah

WE COMMIT TO LOVING AND SERVING A LOVING, SERVING GOD

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

Each week of Lent we have extinguished one more candle. This morning we extinguish the 6th candle.

Jesus has been betrayed, deserted, and arrested.

He is now being led to the final chapter of his human life. Join us this Thursday for the sacred telling of the whole story. God’s light shines brighter when we, God’s children, understand fully the profound nature of God’s gift to us in the life of Christ.

BENEDICTION

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH - Members of the Congregation

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER - The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

LAY READER – Nancy Murdock

GREETERS – Reni Harnden, Jo Worthen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR - Christine Lehoullier

OFFICE MANAGER - Michelle Guerrin

AV/ TECHNICAL – Paul Lindemann, Mike Schroeder

Visit our Facebook page or our website for recent videos of services and moments of Christian Faith Formation and inspiration.

IN OUR PRAYERS - April 10, 2022

PRAYERS OF JOY

Palm Sunday Parade through the Connector!!

Andrea C is home!!

Martha (Nancy M’s sister-in-law) is doing much better!

Tuesday’s Wonder Worship with Joan and Katie’s music are such a joy!

Margie’s great Nephew Owen’s baby born “Juliette”

One Great Hour of Sharing – we are blessed with generous hearts.

Spaghetti Supper: Our monthly supper “feeds the hungry” per Jesus’ teaching.

The elevator passed its final inspection.

Our sister church in Zimbabwe – Dangamvura UCC – has invited us to write to them!

Music Committee is working hard to provide a program of music for worship services!

Gratitude for members and friends in Indiana, Georgia, Zimbabwe, and N. Ireland.

PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION

Tom Cooper on the death of his brother.

Paul Lindemann and his family on the death of Paul's mom 3.22.22

For the families of those who have died in the US due to COVID.

PRAYERS OF STRENGTH, HEALTH, AND HEALING

Dave Beauchesne, father of two small children, had emergency brain surgery.

Gary (friend of the Guerrin Family) with stage 3 lung cancer;

Sue (Jo W's sister) still recovering but family can see her;

Carol (Carol G.'s sister-in-law) facing multiple operations;

Lincoln, Karen W's nephew, struggling with Autism and other mental health concerns.

Jenny, friends of Jeff S;

David, Jo's friend;

Benjamin Plouff, Dick's brother, suffering from cardiac issues, breathing now difficult;

Jim, Jeff S.'s father, for prayers of confidence and healing

For those with cancer: Sue Weaver (her operation isn't until 4.27.22)

Caroline M's enduring radiation;

BB Dinan (friend of the Bob and Karen) – approaching the end of his life;

Bruce with stage 4 colon cancer;

Janice P continues to fight her cancer;

Priscilla with colon cancer;

Tracey with aggressive cancer who has 3 children/ only 46 years old;

Liza D's husband's Uncle Walt has Stage 4 cancer;

Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick P, recurring leukemia

SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS

Ukraine – its people, its President.

Russia – its people, its Leaders.

Poland – who has received nearly 1.5 million refugees from Ukraine

Law Enforcement, fire fighters; first responders, active military

Prayers for peaceful resolution to conflict situations around the world

Parkland Hospital personnel, Elliot Hospital personnel, staff at Dartmouth Hitchcock

and all nurses and doctors, Hospice workers and Southern NH Family Promise;

Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Marion Gerrish; Upper Room; United Theological College in

Zimbabwe, as well as our friend Kennedy Gondongwe; Tim B – Health & strength and

Bonnie H, friend of Tim B

Final Announcements:

Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm

April Newsletter and **May/June “Upper Room”** are available in the foyer/lobby.

Tuesday evening Labyrinth walk at 6:00pm. Ask the office for the zoom link.

Botanical Interests: Please visit website botanicalinterests.com ; enter Promo code: FPC2022. Place your order by April 15th

Upcoming Events:

- **Worship Planning Workshop-** April 24th – after Worship Service.
- **1st Spring Fling** ~ Saturday May 21st: 8-1 Yard Sale, cookie walk, basket raffle, vendors, food and more. Volunteer Forms in the lobby.
- **UCC Rockingham Association- Spring 2022 Meeting** Sun May 22nd 1:45pm – Zoom only
- **Fundraising Footrace sponsored by Friends of the Meetinghouse** ~ June 25th: with Dave Breeden’s [New England Timing](#) company are running a competitive race and fun run to raise money and awareness for Meetinghouse preservation.
- **Vacation Church Camp:** Rocky Railway July 25th – 28; 9 to 12:00 pm is for ages 4 to 12.

Adult Faith Formation on Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 8:00; May 3 – June 14
Book Study “Faith After Doubt” by Brian McLaren. Email Christine if you would like a book. This is a six-week study (with one week off when baby Braxton Buff arrives!)