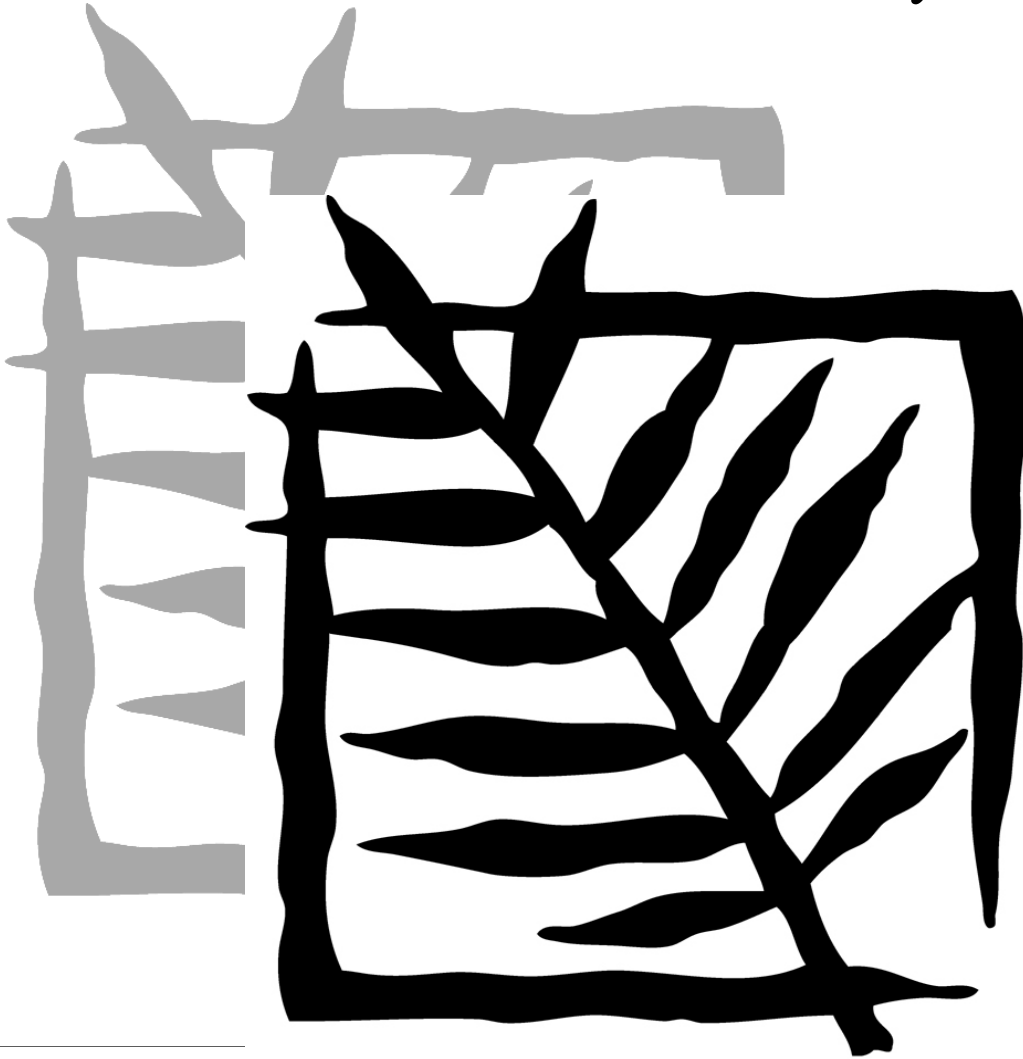


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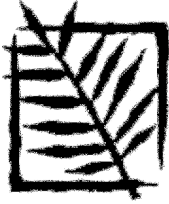
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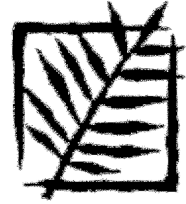


Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

March 28, 2010

Liturgist: Mia Datema

10:30 A.M.



*(*Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)*

*All children, please assemble in the Narthex and receive your palms,
then wait until the Procession begins. Enter with palms waving!*

Gathering “Two Movements from “Partita on ‘All Glory, Laud & Honor’” Burkhardt
“Choral on ‘Vexilla Regis’” Fleury
“The Palms” Faure/Smith

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

The theme of today’s worship will focus on the importance of sharing our faith stories.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

You may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are seated, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Welcome and Announcements

Would visitors and guests alike sign the friendship pad as it is passed down the aisle. And would members and guests alike warmly greet each other following this morning’s very special service.

***The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

Responsive Reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel Luke 19:29-38, p. 957

Leader: When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying:

Reader 1: “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. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Leader: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner asked them,

Reader 2: "Why are you untying the colt?"

Leader: They said,

Reader 1: "The Lord needs it."

Leader: Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt; they sat Jesus on it. As he road along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

(Congregation and procession participants, you are invited to wave your palms as you respond and during the singing of the processional hymn.)

**People: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

Choral Anthem "Hosanna!" Burson

***Procession & Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 215

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, we confess our slowness to see the good in our brothers and sisters and to see the evil in ourselves. We confess our blindness to the sufferings of others. We confess our failure to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand of others. We confess our complacency toward wrongs that do not touch us and our oversensitivity to those that do. We confess our hardness of heart toward our brothers' and sisters' faults and our readiness to make allowances for our own. So we confess how our indifference to our own sins has kept Your transforming grace at arm's length. We confess our unwillingness to believe or act on Your call for us to share with Jesus in proclaiming our personal experience with Your liberating and healing reign of power on earth. Amen.

***Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: You are valued as you are, with all your flaws. Receive this gift; live freely; and boldly walk with Jesus.

People: God knows every human fault, yet sees every potential glory, and desires to bring us into the fullness of the power inaugurated this day. What God wills, let us accept!

***Gloria Patri**

(“Glory Be to the Father” No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Children's Time

Children will remain in the sanctuary this morning (no children's choir today) so they may enjoy this special service. Children may now return to their seats.

Choral Anthem

“We Cry Hosanna, Lord”

Farra

Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer *(using debts and debtors)*

We come before You this morning, most loving God, asking that You teach us not much to so much grasp the good news, as to be grasped by it. Grip us this day by Your grace that we may understand how to tell Your story and live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Silence

Gracious God, You are our help and sovereign sustainer, we put our lives in Your hands. In You and You alone we trust. You make the task of facing our temptations possible,. You help us repent, turn away from our temptation, and grow-up, mature in our faith. You hold us while we lament the deep regrets of our lives. You teach us the art of reconciliation. We learn the hard lesson of Lent through Your steadfast, unwavering love—and ask that You now guide us through a holy week of insights.

Silence

Merciful God, You show us eyes wasted with grief that we may be Your arms with which to hold them. You show us those worn down by losses that through us You may stand with them. You show us those who have been betrayed or even used by those who are supposed to love them, that we may be Your voice sharing visions of hope. You do all this and so much more. You give our lives purpose and yet we have trouble articulating to others how our faith matters.

Silence

Is it because we are so busy worrying and worrying about these times that bring forth so much bad economic news? Bad news about wars being waged, bad news about the ozone depletion that we miss the good news? By You Holy Spirit, focus us on what really matters—the core of Your existence at work in our lives—that will sustain us through the valleys of death and the banquets of love.

temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Confirmation Prayer

Address

Question About Participation

***Welcome**

Pastor: Let us, the members of St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ, stand if able, and express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greetings of Christian Love and Prayer

***Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord"

This, and next page

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night,
I will break their hearts of stone,
Fin-est bread I will pro- vide

I will make their dark-ness bright.
Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You

call- ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If You


lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

***Benediction**

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Congregational Response** "Peace Be Unto This Congregation" Althouse



Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion. Peace to ev - 'ry
soul here - in. Peace, which flows from Christ's sal - va - tion. This He
gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem - ing all our sin.



Organ Postlude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

By Pethel

You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

A nursery is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an usher.

Hearing-assistance devices are available for use during worship. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher to get one for you.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Earl Reed is his old self again. You can visit Earl at Quail Creek.

Family and Friends:

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks us for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy while her breast cancer is in remission.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Magnolia Square, Room 228.

How to Create an Easter Egg Hunt...

1. Donate appropriate Easter candy.
2. Bring to the Chapel work room, then fill the colorful plastic eggs provided prior to Saturday, April 3.
3. Mark your egg carton as full with a Post-It note, and pat yourself on the back for helping make a lot of kids very happy!



Maundy Thursday Service, April 1, 7:30 pm

The Maundy Thursday Service, per tradition, will be a service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion. There will be a ceremonious stripping of all banners, paraments, and items from the altar. Only the chalice will be left on the altar. It will be overturned to symbolize the spilled blood as the Christ candle is extinguished. The sanctuary will be closed after the service, as if sealing the tomb until Easter. The 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday service concludes with Pastor Becky leading a procession with cloth-draped wrists, invoking Joseph of Arimathea's carrying of and caring for Christ's broken body. Labyrinth walkers will leave their symbolic cloths on the large native stone marking the labyrinth's center, heart, or God symbol.

Good Friday, April 2, All Day & Evening

Our journey continues Good Friday as Pastor Becky marks stations of the cross in chalk directly on the labyrinth surface. Chapel members and the public are welcome anytime, but especially this Good Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m., remembering that there is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. Written guides about the stations of the cross will be available at the walk's entrance.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service, 7:30 am

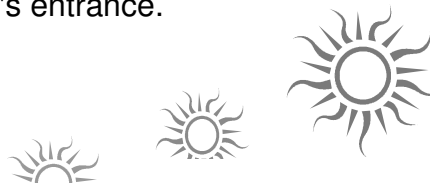
Alpha Omega Breakfast, 8:30 am

Children's Crafts, 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am

Worship Service & First Communion, 10:30 am

Sunrise Service, 7:30 am, will be held outdoors by the fountain. The BCE are planning and serving the Easter Alpha Omega Breakfast, 8:30 am, following service. Next look forward to Children's Craft Time at 9:00, am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am. For our 10:30 a.m. Easter Service, everyone is asked to bring flowers from their yard for our joyous processional. Before worship, everyone is asked to assemble in the Narthex. There will be a dramatization of the rolling back of the stone and we will form a procession into the church with our flowers and lay them at the foot of the altar. During Easter Service, the confirmands will partake of their first communion. Let us rejoice together on this day.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, March 21, 2010

Worship	55	Offering	\$975.00
Sunday School:	18	Offering	\$8.00

**GIVE NOW to the
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Challenge!**

Our Deepest Sympathy
to the Family & Friends of...

Reverend Nelson Parnell

February 25, 1930-March 23, 2010



*We mourn
with you*



Good Friday Service at the “North Church”

Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

At the corner of Scott & Main streets

Your Chapel Office wants to know about all University and High School members' graduations. St. John's Chapel will honor Spring 2010 Grads on Sunday, May 16 with a special dinner after worship. Please make plans not to have your GRAD join us that day—

Dedication Lilies for Easter

Please make your check payable to St. John's Chapel UCC noting “Easter Lily” on the memo line. Lilies are \$7.00 each. ***The deadline to order is TODAY, March 28.***

-----*-Our Altar Guild thanks you-*-----
Please turn in the following form and your check to Deb Hall in the Chapel Office.

Name of Donor _____
Given in Honor Of _____
Given in Memory Of _____

On Easter Sunday

Don't forget to gather in the Narthex before Worship.

We will enter the Sanctuary together holding flowers.



For Easter Sunday

Bring fresh flowers from your garden for the Procession and Laying of Flowers on the Altar, or we will have flowers for you here.

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.

Welcome & Congratulations—

Brady Laine Bartell
Philipians 4: 11-13



CONFIRMED~

Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

Joshua Hank Datema
Hebrews 2: 12-13



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...saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Thank you for the lovely, fresh flowers this morning...

Lee & Judith Bartell

Sabbatical Committee will
meet Monday, March 29,
6:30 pm

DON'T MISS our first Community Garden Meeting, Monday, March 29, at 6:30 pm. All youth and children are very welcome! With this garden, we are nurturing much more than mere tomatoes. Join us...



Take that call! It's OLAN MILLS assisting you in making your photo appointment (if you have not already done so.

Not available April 2-3?

Have your photo taken after Easter Service, Sunday, April 4. See Deb Hall.

Thank you ...

for the special performances that enriched our Worship Service March 21—

Tom Davis, Pianist
Rebecca Claborn, Vocals
Cassie Wright, Vocals



**KOINANIA planning
Food, Fellowship &
Dominoes...**

Saturday, April 10 at the Allens'. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert, and a beverage of your choice. Tea & coffee provided. Say John & Rita, "All fun-loving adults are welcome".

Coming soon, Town Hall Meetings...Speak Up & Speak Out!
...being planned by your Board of Service Ministries Team.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM Monday-Friday

March 28, 2010

Steve Fortner will open the church for the month of March.

Today:	Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday	10:30 am
	Confirmand Photos	After Worship
	Council Rehearsal	After Worship
Monday:	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
Tuesday:	Community Garden Meeting	6:30 pm
	Sabbatical Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development.....	4:30 pm
	Bells	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:40 pm
Thursday:	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 pm
	Maundy Thursday Labyrinth Walk	After Worship
Friday:	Good Friday	
	Stations of the Cross at the Labyrinth.....	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday:	Your help with Easter Eggs before today.....	Anytime
Sunday:	Easter Sunday	
	Sunrise Service.....	7:30 am
	BCE Alpha Omega Breakfast	8:15 am
	Children's Craft Time	9:00 am
	BCE Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 am
	Easter Worship and First Communion	10:30 am



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