



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

Prelude 4/9/17

Welcome

*It's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer
It's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer
Not my sister, not my brother, but it's me, oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer*

Light of Christ

****Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.***

Call to Worship/Prayer Andy Myer

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: Raising our branches in joy!

Leader: Joining all who wish to see Jesus,

People: eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: Raising our branches in hope!

Leader: Joining all who wish to hear Jesus,

**People: longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on
our journey.**

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: Laying down our branches in fear.

Leader: Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus

**People: through the week ahead, through anguish,
accusations, despair.**

Leader: We gather together in this place.

**People: Waving branches of prayer. Walking toward the
Cross, and the empty tomb.**

Leader: Let us pray ... **Hosanna, O God in the highest! How you
come to us in ways we never expect. A king on a donkey? A
Savior on a cross? How can we recognize you, with us, among
us? Will the palms we wave with joy today be thrown down
tomorrow with doubt? May your Spirit guide us through this
Holiest of Weeks, beside us, around us, before and behind us,
within us.**

***Opening Hymn** #192 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Diminish the Light – Lenten Wreath

Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory "In the Garden" Little Bells

Steve Westerberg, Director

***Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair, may these
gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife and justice-
seeking that creates all good hope. Amen.**

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

Parade of Palms

(Children may leave for Sunday School.)

Cantata "Come to the Cross and Remember"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Smith
"Ride On in Majesty" Broughton

***All who are able are invited to stand.**

Today's Preludes

James Burr, Organist

"The Palms" Faure/Smith/Wells
"Open the Gates of the Temple" Peery
"March" F. de la Tombelle

**Please join us downstairs after the service
for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Carol Whitney (health concerns); Althea Madigan recovering from surgery; Helen Dahling; Janet Boucher; David Nelson; Mark McPartland and Doug Penhall, friends of Shar Christman; Elizabeth Fry; David Drouin; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt; Shirley Bryant; Amy Robinson; Dean Hockenberry awaiting a new kidney; Steve Carr, Sr.; James Purnell; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Pat Lazeran; Helen Dyar; Dave Hollister; John Arthur; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness and their families; the people of Syria; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle *New additions in **bold print***

Reminder...Sunday School ends at 11:15 AM, *Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education*

Today's Activities

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Easter Egg Hunt: Please meet in the breezeway after church for directions. We will begin promptly at 11:15 AM. Fun!

Memorial Garden: 11:30 AM, Conference Room (Sunday School wing)

Agape Dinner: 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

Scrip-Your-All: Big Y cards are back at 6% (our highest grocery card earner). Please stop by during Coffee Hour and check out all the gift cards we have to offer. Every card sold helps to support our FCCV programs! In addition to the gift cards for sale today many more can be ordered. Our earnings to date are \$725.

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, April 10, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. Join us for a Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's "Final Words."

May CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, April 11

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

AA: Tuesday, April 11, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Deacons Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 11, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 13, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, April 15, 9 AM, Kellogg Hall

EASTER, APRIL 16

Sunrise Service, 6 AM in the Memorial Garden

Morning Worship, 10 AM in the Sanctuary

Stephen Ministry Classes: Monday, April 17 at 7 PM and Wednesday, April 19 at 1 PM. If interested, contact Joanne Myer, 860-872-9222.

The Sunday School is collecting peanut butter during April.

From the Bookworm: Are you looking for something special to read during Lent? Check out our collection of daily devotional books in the church Library. You can find them under the Dewey decimal numbers in the 242's. Easter movies in the DVD collection are also available. Books being used for the Lenten Bible Study and Theology on Tap are also available in the Library.

Save the Date: Special celebration of 21 years as a Teaching Parish. Join us in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 22** at 6 PM for a **Potluck Dinner**. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board

Lasagna Dinner: Friday, April 28, 5-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Menu: meat and veggie lasagnas, garlic bread, salad ice cream cake and beverage. Gluten free available. Adults - \$14, Kids - \$6.

Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes: April 13 and 26, May 11 and June 8 from 6:30-9:30 PM at the Public Safety Complex, 280 West Rd. Cost - \$35, part of which can be reimbursed by the Parish Nurses. Please contact Delythe Kracke @delythek@yahoo.com for more information. You can also register at learncprvfd@yahoo.com.

Church-Wide Tag Sale, April 29, 9 AM-2 PM - the J*Walkrz fundraiser

for their Summer Mission Trip to Washington DC. Items will be collected the week of April 24-28.

Do you need a Name Tag? Choose a magnet, pin or clip. You can also include a hang tag if you belong to a board/ committee. A \$3 to \$5 donation is recommended, but not required. Orders at the Scrip-Your-All table or email Kate Fowler (kfowler64@yahoo). Orders placed today will be available next Sunday, April 16.

Women's Fellowship Retreat, October 13-14 at the Evangelical Christian Center in Ashford. Cost for overnight and meals is \$78. If interested, sign up on the sheet posted on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. Questions? Contact Millie Oliphant (860-872-7106).

9th Annual Golf Tournament, June 3, Willow Brook golf course in South Windsor. There is a need for golfers and people to sponsor a hole, a contest and lunch. Donations are needed for raffle prizes and silent auction items. Questions? Contact a committee member or Michelle Bower (860-872-7274).

Evening Circle is collecting items for a Center Road School family - kids band aids, disinfectant spray or Clorox wipes, hand soap, body wash, shampoo or gift cards (from our Scrip Table). Drop off in the purple bin in the Church Office or at the Scrip Table on Sundays. Thank you.

Child Care is available for church activities when notice is given 3 days prior to the event. Call Child Care Coordinator, Jen Jensen, 860-836-5824.

Teddy Bear Ministry: Teddy Bears in the pews are for you to take and

give to someone in need of caring love. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or jmyer0146@yahoo.com if you have questions.

To request a visit with the pastor, please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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