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Recently, I came upon a poem that tells the story of the first Palm Sunday from a unique point of view.

The Donkey by G.K. Chesterton (1874–1936)

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born;

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

Chesterton captures Palm Sunday from the perspective of the donkey that Jesus rode

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I hope I was not the only person who found themselves still smiling well into this past week remembering last Sunday's service. From the contagious joy of our Transformers singing with all their youthful enthusiasm to the Historical Moment in which we were so wonderfully reminded of the toll that the Civil War took upon our nation, and in particular to those who then called FCCV their church home; from the conclusion of our mission project, with our children bringing their favorite food items up front as an offering to others to the spirited rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic by the Sanctuary Choir, which sparked spontaneous applause among the worshippers--it was truly a memorable Sunday.

This Sunday, we will celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week with a children's procession as we immerse ourselves into the telling of the Triumphal Entry according to Matthew. Our youngest children's choir, the Cherub Choir under the direction of Gaile Dembeck and our children's bell choir, the Little Bells under the direction of Kevin Maki, will lend their talents along with the Sanctuary Choir on this festival day.

The sermon will draw on the Palm Sunday story and speak to the enduring model of Jesus for living today.

God willing, hope to see you there.

Pastor David

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This Sunday, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received. This special offering is used by Church World Service for international missions and disaster relief.

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A memorial service for Marty Fagan Jr. will be held at the church on Saturday, March 31st at 11 am.

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The Holy Week worship schedule

Thursday, April 5--Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 pm. This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion and the Service of Tenebrae.

Sunday, April 8th--Easter Sunday

6:15 am Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden

9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary with the Bell Choir, the Sanctuary Choir and a Brass Trio.

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary with the Bell Choir, the Sanctuary Choir and a Brass Trio

Please note: There is no Sunday School on Easter, but the Toddler Room will be open and staffed during the 9 and 11 am services.