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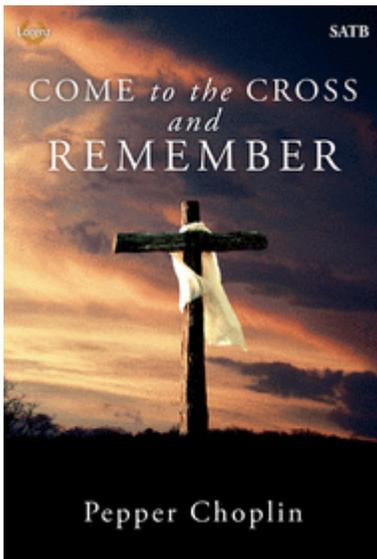
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**Date:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 12:34 PM

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



Sunday ... is it Palm Sunday, or is it Passion Sunday? Haven't you heard both? Well ... it is both. Our journey on Sunday will begin with Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. Palm branches were waved and "hosannas" were shouted as Jesus, the God-man, passed by! People even threw their cloaks on the ground for the donkey, that Jesus was riding, to walk on. What a glorious moment for Jesus to be welcomed with such fanfare. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

However, toward the end of the week, the crowd will exchange waving palms for balled-up fists, and will exchange shouts of "hosanna" for cries of "crucify him!"

This Sunday, our Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of our Minister of Music, Leanne Connolly, will lead us on a journey from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the glorious resurrection morning. Both singers and actors have been working very hard to present this cantata to us. Come and experience this part of Jesus' story through music and drama! Bring a friend ... or two!

Come experience God with us!

Grace be to y'all,  
Robin

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### **Prelude to the Preludes**

The bigger holidays have their own special songs that we only hear once a year. So it is with this coming Sunday when you'll hear Faure's well-worn classic "The Palms" and an arrangement of the hymn "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty." Another triumphant piece entitled "Open the Gates of the Temple" quotes Handel's famous aria "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," from "The Messiah." I'll conclude my prelude with a "March" that has a



ceremonial and processional feel to which you may conjure up your own images of Jesus entering Jerusalem.

Let me also say that the Sanctuary Choir, Leanne and I are eagerly looking forward to making some beautiful and moving music for you in the form of a Passion cantata written by Pepper Choplin. Its title aptly reminds us, "Come to the Cross and Remember." ---James

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### Reminders....

**Easter Egg Hunt** after church this Sunday. Meet in the Breezeway promptly at 11:15 AM.

**Agape Dinner** this Sunday evening at 5 PM in Fellowship Hall.

**Maundy Thursday Service**, Thursday, April 13, 7 PM in Fellowship Hall



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