

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
United Church of Christ  
March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

*Wandering Heart – A Worship Series for the Season of Lent*

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #213 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” *New Century Hymnal*

*Join us if you'd like in a circle parade to wave your palm branches!*

Gathering

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!  
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.  
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.**

**Too often we stay quiet.**

**Too often we let others carry the song.**

**Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade  
But instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.**

**Show us which songs are ours to sing.**

**Show us which parades are ours to lead,**

**And then give us the courage and conviction to do both.**

**With hope and honesty we pray, Amen.**

Anthem

Scripture Reading John 12:12-16

Engaging the Word

Palm Sunday is a holy parade, a peaceful protest. What cause would you march for?

**Prayer: God of the holy parade, many faithful folk have followed in your footsteps over the years marching for justice and peace. When your holy parade comes my way give me the courage to join the fold. Do not let me stand along the wall, a quiet bystander. Instead, spark courage in my heart to pick up a palm branch and to join the song. With an eager heart I pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn #216 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(See back of bulletin for words)*

Stewardship Moment

\*A Doxology for Lent

**With palms we come to praise our King  
Hosanna is the song we sing  
All praise the one who rides this day  
And bring us hope in every way. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #215 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

Blessing

*Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).*

**Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org**

**Many Thanks to JoBeth Dudley for her music and to  
Kim Smith for her liturgical dance today!**

*Thank you, Mary Menzies, today's Deacon*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen

*Thank you for joining us for worship today!*

*It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.*

### March Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt
Roberta Lavoie	David Sykes	Bill Mellekas
Stuart Lord	Polly Ehrman	Jennifer Hines
Rolla Gerlack	Jason Plummer	David Price
Sue Peabody	Tina Peabody	Donna Moulin
Karen Proulx	Mike Matz	Paul Damiano
Family of Christina Waddell	Family of Alison Morris	Mike Boswell

*After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.*

*Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com*

**Online giving:** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR4H/home>

### Calendar:

Wednesday, March 27: Choir rehearsal – Fellowship Hall – 6:00pm  
Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Potluck supper – Shared Ministry, Lisbon – 6:00pm  
Friday, March 29: SLLC closed  
Good Friday Service – Community Church of Christ, Franconia – 6:00pm  
Sunday, March 31: Sunrise Easter Service – Covered Bridge (Riverglen side), Littleton – 7:00am



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*There is still time to donate!*

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### *Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*