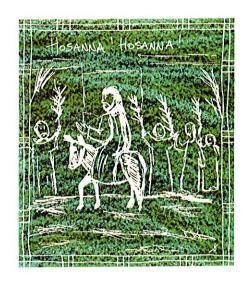
The United Church of Christ, Congregational Burlington, MA

PALM SUNDAY

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

March 24, 2024

10:30am



We believe God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ.

Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.

In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love.

We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church, and invite you to join us on our faith journey!

Coming ...

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising & Learning ...

*Call to Worship

Reader 1: Everyone! Come quick!

All: What's happening?

Reader 2: Jesus is coming!

All: What?

Reader 5: Jesus is coming!

Reader 6: People are singing and waving palms!

Reader 7: Hurry! Hurry! Let's go!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus is coming!

Let us greet him with singing!

*Opening Hymn Mantos y Ramos (Filled with Excitement)

The Story Rev. Andrew Harris

Introit When like the Woman at the Well v.2 #196

Christ knew my heart, my wayward ways, Yet gave me hope, not fear. The God I once thought far away, I could approach, draw near.

Reflecting & Braying ...

Scripture Reading(s) Luke 19:29-40

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Until it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it." Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens." Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!" He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

The Story Continues

Rev. Andrew Harris

NCH #214

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune

NCH #780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Consecration

The Story Continues

Rev. Andrew Harris

Going...

Closing Hymn All Glory Laud and Honor

NCH #216

Benediction

Postlude

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CHURCH VISION STATEMNT

Adopted February 2017:

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that *all are welcome,* all are loved. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor
Brian Gionet, Director of Music Ministries
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant
Uccburlington.org
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Passing of Joyce Carpenter's niece Lorraine Karen Butler's brother-in-law Allan Sena Vitali Family

Sue Wisniewski's Godmother, Faye Monroe

Duran Family

Bobbie Killilea's friends John, Judi, and

Ed "Pops" Crowell

Chris Stahlinski's sister Evelyn

Barbara Leonard

Anna Karwan's friends Ellen and Don Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friends Glenda

and Mary

Wayne Higden

Brian Gionet's Dad

Claire Simas and daughter Marianne

Roberta Low

Christa Brown-C4C crafter

Rebecca Sobolewski's sister, Holly

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn

Jessy McNeil's sister Grace

Elaine Glancy's friend Rita,

sister-in-law Irene

Jim Killilea, Tom's brother

Skip Glancy's sister Dorothy

Joyce Carpenter's niece Cindy, brother Bob

Marilyn Langley's brother Bill

Lee Tirrell

Kelly Sievert

Bill Hitchcock

Jan Blandino's grandson Toby, her Daughter Brenda and Son-in-law Rick

Barbara Moran

Ginger Mungillo's daughter Cindy and

Ginger's son Jim Jean Bastos Barbara Garland

> Our Nation Mother Earth

EASTER PLANTS

If you would like to purchase a plant or two for our Easter Festival Service on March 31 there are forms located at coffee hour. Each plant is \$10. You can keep your plant, bring it to a family member or friend, donate your plant and a Deacon will deliver to those people on our prayer list. Please leave your form/payment with Bobbie in the office. Please make payment out to UCC and have Easter Plant on the memo line. Deadline to order is TODAY

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

March 24 Worship-Lent 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Brian Gionet Lay Leader: Sally Willard Head Usher: Deb Glancy Lucy Damiani Usher: Chris Stahlinski Greeter: Flowers: Marcia Rich & Palms

Collector: Marge Zamanian Sunday School: NONE today*

Nursery:

Coffee Hour: Chris Stahlinski

Bakers: Chris and

Marge Zamanian

*We will meet at St. Mark's Church for our process between 11:30am and 11:45am.

March 28 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm With people from the Presbyterian Church

Lav Leader: Chris Stahlinski

Head Usher: NEEDED Ushers: Anna Karwan Greeter: Anna Karwan Readers: Debbie Claar

3 from the Presbyterian

Church

Easter Festival Worship with cross decorating 10:15am

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Brian Gionet

Musician: TBD

Lav Leader: Debbie Claar Head Usher: Dave McNeil Ushers (4): Sally Willard Lucy Damiani

Chris Stahlinski

Chris Stahlinski Greeter:

Flowers: From the Congregation

Collector: Deb Raymond

Sunday School: **TBD** Nursery: TBD

Coffee Hour: None following worship

Happy Easter!

| UPCOMING THIS WEEK | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------|
| Today | Palm Sunday Worship | 10:30a |
| | Easter Plant Ordering Deadline | |
| | Processional from | |
| | St. Mark's Church | noon |
| Mar 27 | Easter Plant Foiling | noon |
| | Bible Study | 2:00p |
| | Community Dinner at the | |
| | Presbyterian Church | 5:30p |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 7:15p |
| Mar 28 | Maundy Thursday | 7:00p |
| | True North Pastor Hours | 9-11a |
| | C4C | 1:00p |
| Mar 29 | Good Friday events at the | |
| | Presbyterian Church | 7:00p |
| Mar 30 | Decorate the Sanctuary | 9:30p |
| Mar 31 | EASTER SUNDAY | |
| | Easter Sunrise outside | 6:30a |
| | Easter Egg Hunt with coffee | 9:45a |
| | · | 10:15a |
| | (Join us a little earlier at 10:15a to | |
| Help decorate the wired cross) | | |

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP PASTOR HOURS

Join Andrew every Thursday 9-11am

True North Coffee Shop is located at: 204 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA
Come have a chat!

PUB THEOLOGY

Every third Thursday of the Month April 18th will be at Emerald Rose

Come and have some serious, not so serious and sometimes silly conversations on theology over a mug of our choice!

EASTER DECORATING IN OUR SANCTUARY

The Deacons invite all who would like to give a hand to help decorate the sanctuary to join us on March 30th at 9:30am.

We need to:
Hang the banner
Change the paraments
Easter Offering Envelopes in each pew
Place all the foiled plants on the steps to the altar
Setup the large wired cross and add greenery
Many hands make light work!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C

C4C will meet Thursday at 1pm in the conference room. Join us in person or online through Zoom.

https://zoom.us/j/93567188274?pwd=TVJ3 L2xDODFxeUVSM0dWRnFhelI3dz09

Meeting ID: 935 6718 8274

Passcode: 01803

WISH PROJECT IN CHELMSFORD Spring Clothing needs!

We are collecting only **SPRING** clothing for the Wish Project. All donated clothing needs to be clean, free of stains and holes. As in the past, Woody Knowles takes the clothing up to the Wish Project in Chelmsford where he is a volunteer. We thank you for your donations and for Woody's help taking and transporting the clothing.

Lenten Bible Study - Wilderness

Every Wednesday during the season of Lent we will hold a weekly Bible Study at 2:00pm in the conference room and on Zoom. The theme for this Lenten Bible Study is *Wilderness*. Together, we'll look at Bible passages that explore this theme of *Wilderness* and talk about how we've experienced *Wilderness* in our own lives. We hope you will join us! Please see the Bible Study schedule below.

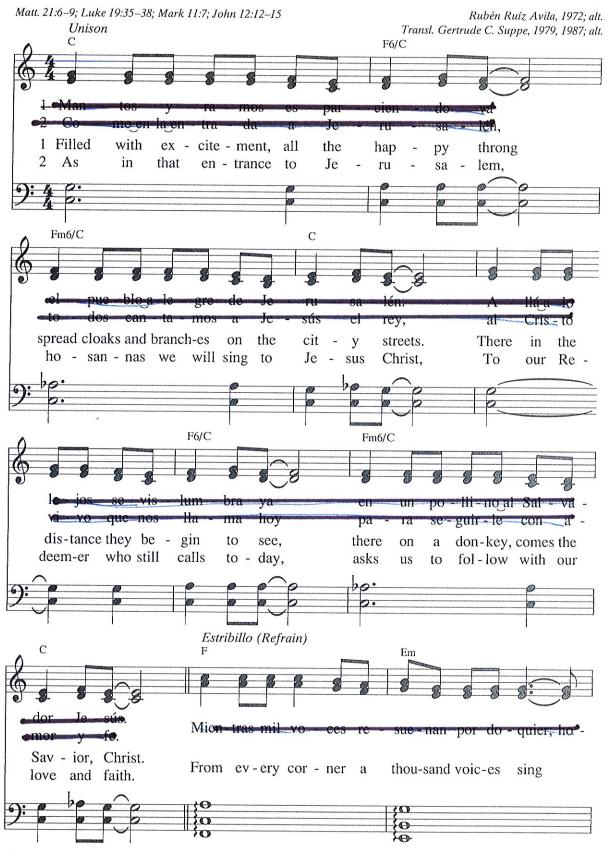
March 27 - Wilderness Stories

Click here to join the Bible study on Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82860076628

SPRING CLEANING IN SKELTON HALL

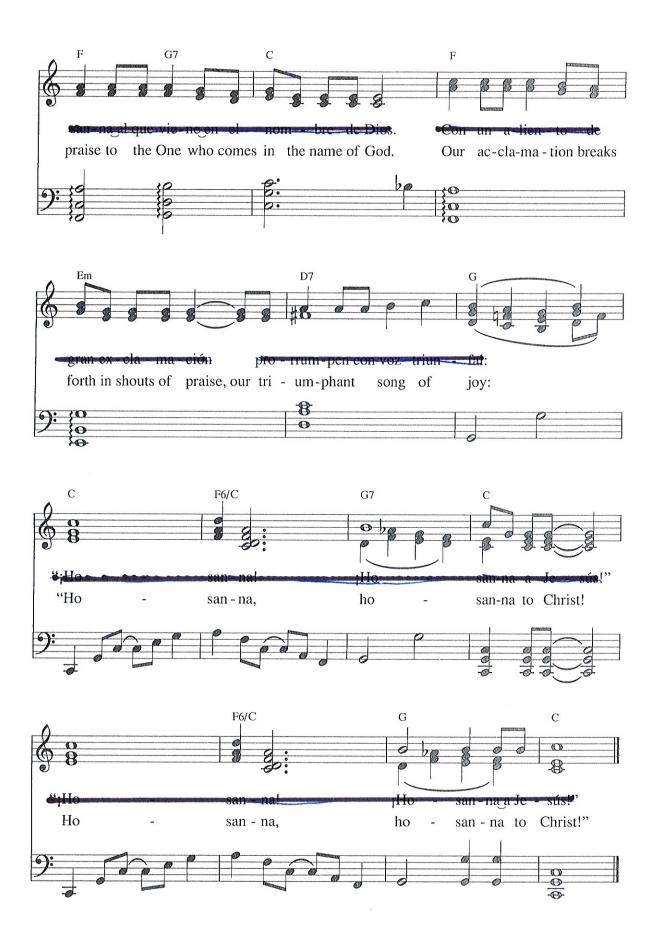
Spring is fast approaching which brings to mind spring chores. One chore is spring-cleaning! In a need for more storage space for new creations there will be a sorting of stored craft items set aside for the 2020 Fair which did not take place due to COVID. There will be a table for these items at the May 11 Mother's Day flower sale. If you have items stored in the craft closet and would like them back; please let Bobbie know.

Mantos y Ramos (Filled with Excitement)



Mexican church musician Rubén Ruíz Avila composed this hymn for the choir of the United Methodist Church in Covington, Virginia. It was first published in Canciones de Fe y Compromiso (1978) in the arrangement by Alvin Schutmaat.

Tune: HOSANNA 10.10.10.10. with refrain Rubén Ruíz Avila, 1972
Arr. Alvin Schutmaat, 1979



All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D. (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN) Melchior Teschner, 1615 For another setting, see 217

Holy Week

March 2024

3.24

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday Worship @ 10:30am
Processional @ noon starting from
St. Mark's Church - 10 St. Mark's Rd.



Community Supper @ 5:00pm at Burlington Presbyterian

3.27



MAUNDY THURSDAY

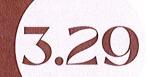
Service of the Shadows @ 7:00pm at UCC Burlington

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross at Burlington Presbyterian

Doors open @ 6:30pm

Worship begins @ 7:00pm



3.31

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise worship @ 6:30am in Simonds Park
Easter egg hunt @ 9:45am at UCC Burlington
Easter services @ 10:30 am

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

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