

# First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC

~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~

~ APRIL 13, 2015 ~ PALM SUNDAY ~



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *“The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.”*

Basil Hume

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**PRELUDE** *Were You There?*

Joanie Brown

**WELCOME**

Pastor Jane

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF THE BELL**

John and Lisa Fenwick

**One:** What is our church's mission?

**Many:** To embody God's powerful love...

- welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,
- weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,
- working, praising and playing in our towns and world.

**OPENING HYMN** *NCH #218 vs. 1 & 3 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*"Hosanna, loud hosanna,"  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song is ours,  
We hail our great Redeemer  
and sing with all our powers;  
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you  
with heart and life and voice.  
Hosanna! In your presence  
forever we'll rejoice!"*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Give thanks to God for God is good.

**PEOPLE:** ***God's steadfast love endures forever!***

**LEADER:** This is the day that the Lord has made.

**PEOPLE:** ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

**LEADER:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** ***Hosanna, in the Highest!***

**LEADER:** Let us worship together in God's steadfast love.

**INVOCATION**

Andrew Donahue

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
 Open the eyes of my heart  
 I want to see You  
 I want to see You (2 times)*

*Holy, holy, holy  
 Holy, holy, holy  
 Holy, holy, holy  
 I want to see you (2 times)*

*To see You high and lifted up  
 Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
 Pour out Your power and love  
 As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy  
 (open the eyes of my heart, Lord)  
 Holy, holy, holy  
 (open the eyes of my heart)  
 (I want to see you) holy, holy, holy  
 I want to see you (2 times)*

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*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
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**UNISON PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

***ALL: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.***

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE**

**Pastor:** Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. in the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

***ALL: With gratitude, we sing Hosanna in the Highest!***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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, forever. Amen.*

## GLORIA PATRI

*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. Amen.*

## TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew Pratt

### RESPONSORIAL READING OF PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

**Leader:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** ***Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."***

**Leader:** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**People:** ***This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.***

**Leader:** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People:** ***The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.***

**Leader:** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People:** ***This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

**Leader:** Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**People:** ***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.***

**Leader:** The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar

**People:** ***You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.***

**Leader:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**GOSPEL READING LUKE 19:28-40****SERMONIC HYMN** *Chalice # #192 vs. 1 & 3 All Glory Laud and Honor*

*All glory, laud and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are a child of Israel,  
Great David's greater Son;  
you ride in lowly triumph,  
Messiah, blessed One!*

*To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
As you received their praises,  
now hear us as we pray.  
Since you delight in goodness,  
rule in our hearts today.*

**HOMILY**

Pastor Jane

**LITURGY OF THE PASSION****OFFERING**

**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.*

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**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****CLOSING HYMN** *Chalice # 625 Precious Name*

Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.

*At the name of Jesus bowing,  
falling prostrate at his feet,  
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,  
when our journey is complete.*

**Refrain**

*Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
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Hope of earth and joy of heaven.*

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**BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE****BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE** *Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me* Joanie Brown  
*Our thanks to everyone who helped with the worship this morning*  
**Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service**

**DEACON OF THE MONTH OF APRIL IS** Mary Ann Charron. She may be reached at 802-345-2371 or [catlove01@gmail.com](mailto:catlove01@gmail.com)

**PRAYER LIST** Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God's healing and strength upon them. **IMMEDIATE NEEDS:** Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J. Dave Mallory, Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Pastor Pete.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAST WEEK TO BE RAFFLE TICKETS.** Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday at the church.

**DEACONS MEETING** will be held after worship this morning.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** On April 17th beginning at 5:00 PM followed by a Tenebrae Service with Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY** Seven Last Words Service on April 18th at 6:00 PM.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—APRIL 20TH** The service will begin at 6:00 AM in the park.

**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST** will follow the Sunrise Service in Reid Chapel. At the end of breakfast we will draw the winner of our Quilt. We hope everyone will come and join us.

**EASTER SERVICE** will be at 10:00 AM



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held, Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30 PM

**TRUSTEE MEETING** will be held on Sunday, April 27th after worship.

**BIBLE STUDY** will continue on Sunday, April 27th after worship.



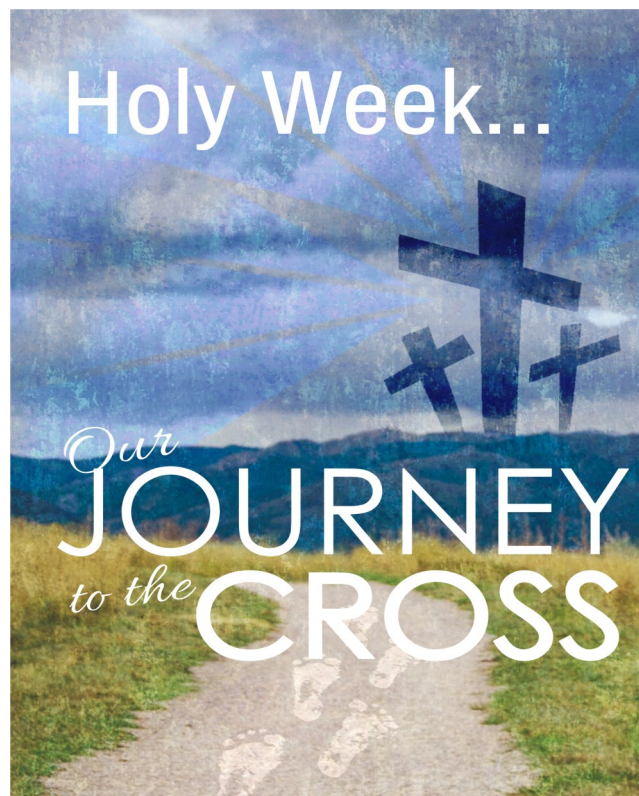
**THE FOOD SHELF AT SLATE VALLEY CARES** welcomes your contributions or if you want to bring food instead, we need non-perishable proteins like peanut butter and tuna fish, as well as cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, macaroni, or 1-can meals. Thank you very much for your support. Check out <https://www.slatevalleycares.org> **A BOX IS AT THE ENTRANCE**

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Probably everyone has used the Cruise Control in their car and found it to be a comfortable, no demand way to travel. I know I tend to do things at home as if I'm using "cruise control", such as on Monday there's housework and planning the week's meals. *But think about our church community on "cruise control".*

- We have a comfortable routine of church programming that rarely changes
  - We know the order of worship because it is generally the same
  - We are very comfortable with each other and fellowship is important to us
  - Generally, we see the same crowd at church or on the online worship
- Unfortunately, when we worship on "cruise control" we lose sight of***
- An exciting sense of where God is leading us
  - A deep understanding of our church neighbors and what we can do to support them
  - The friendships we nurture within our church family
  - The urgency of knowing if we don't grow and change, we will cease to be a force in God's kingdom

For me, deepening my discipleship is everything. Please join me in the crazy, uncertain and truly rewarding moments of our discipleship as we seek the forgiveness of Jesus Christ during this Easter season.



If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at [janechurchlady@gmail.com](mailto:janechurchlady@gmail.com)

To schedule time with a Deacon either in-person or zoom, please contact Eileen via email to be placed on their calendar. [Eileen@fhucc.org](mailto:Eileen@fhucc.org)

**Prayer Circle:** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

Karen Festa	802-683-1896
Maryann Charron	802-468-3207
Karyn Jockell	802-278-8058
Lana Petty	802-353-0485

## **WE TRY TO MAKE IT EASIER TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Trouble with Stairs?**

A Handicap RAMP is available on the Caernarvon Street side of Church! You MAY park on the church side of Caernarvon Street during church events.

A handicapped accessible bathroom is available on the main floor of the church.

**Parking.** Please save spaces near the front of the church for those who have difficulty walking. One handicapped space is available on Caernarvan St. near the ramp.

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Church Administrator: Eileen Hurlburt [eileen@fhucc.org](mailto:eileen@fhucc.org)

Debbie Pratt - Lead Deacon

Sharon Pinsonnault & Joan Brown Organist/Pianist

The Deacons – Social Media

*Thank you for coming to worship with us!*



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