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**An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ**



Entry Into the City by John August Swanson

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
10:00 AM

Welcome!

Children's Ministries: Babies are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. We also have a nursery (accessible through the breezeway in the back of the Sanctuary). First Church offers child care (*for ages 3 months to 3 years*) with professional nursery staff on Sundays 9:45am-11:45am. Sunday School classes are known as "Disciple Road" (Pre-K through 4th grade) and "Middle Road" (5th grade and up). We also have a children's choir. Reach out to Kim (kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org) for more information about our children's ministries & faith formation programs.

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for being here. It is such a joy to worship with you. This worship service is live streamed on our webpage and on our Facebook page. Please speak to any member of the Pastoral Team if you would like to explore how our church may become your spiritual home. As an Open and Affirming congregation we seek to extend the extravagant welcome of God to all people, all the time. Regardless of your race, class, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, ability, age, immigration status, or sexual orientation, you are always welcome at First Church. We affirm your inherent dignity as a child of God. God created you just as you are and loves you just as you are. We do, too!

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type.

All the People of God speak the text in boldface.

Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.

* Please stand if you are able.

The Liturgy of the Palms

We gather at 10am on the town green with our neighbors from St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Introit

Ride On, King Jesus

African—American Spiritual

Opening Prayer

The Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessing of the Palms

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

One: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional

The Fairfield Gaelic Pipe and Drum Band

We will process past St. Paul's and across the Old Post Road to our Sanctuary. We process in the following order: cross, choir, Fairfield Gaelic Pipe and Drum Band, clergy, and people. Please rise for the opening hymn when the organ begins the introduction.

***Hymn**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

New Century Hymnal 213

***Prayer of Invocation and 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.

Children's Moment

The Triumphal Entry

The Children's Choir

Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of God be with you!

All: And also with you!

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

Children may go with their friends and teachers to Disciple and Middle Road.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

***Hymn of Praise**

Mass of St Augustine

Leon C. Roberts

1. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
2. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have
3. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have
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mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have

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Scripture

Luke 19:28-44

Sermon

The Rev. Jake Joseph

***Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

New Century Hymnal 304

Joys and Concerns

The flowers today are given by Nancy and Anthony Johnson for fond memories of our wonderful fathers, Carl Checkly and Walter Johnson.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Molly Ijames

***Doxology**

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**

***Hymn**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

New Century Hymnal 215

***Benediction and Response**

Great Work Has God Begun in You

Carol Birkland

Great work has God be - gun in you; take
on God's love in all you
do, And may that love in you in - crease now,
with God's bless - ing, go in peace. A - men.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "Ellacombe"

Jon Spong

Leading Us in Worship

The Rev. Vanessa Rose, Pastor

The Rev. Jake Joseph, Preacher in Residence

The Rev. Kathy Williamson, Liturgist

Dr. Frank Martignetti, Director of Music & Organist

Chancel Choir

Lindsey Ogilvy and Krista Lindell, flutes; Nancy Weber, piano; Ray Weber, percussion

The Fairfield Gaelic Pipe and Drum Band

Children's Choir, led by Bethany Dupuis

Deacons Dave Welchman, Michelle Nolan, Greg Jefremow, Celeste McGeehan, David McKinnis

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Please Hold in your Prayers:

Disciples at First Church: Helen Barnum; Christian Bassett; Chris Bernd; Sandy Bromer; Glen Brown; LaNeil Brown, Sr.; Linda Corby; Betsy Dalling; Fernando Destruge; Charlotte Jefremow; Christy Jefremow; Nancy Jones and family; Cathy Kane, her brother Scott and great niece Amelia; Adelaide Kitchen; Lillian Klein; Jerry Krenke; Penny Stevens; Joann Van Esselstyn; Andrea Wakeman; Elinor Wilber; and Edith Zambo. We hold in our prayers all those who face living with memory loss and Alzheimer's disease and we pray for their caregivers.

Serving in the military: James Classy, Sam Classy, Trevor Dawson, David Elmore, Charles Ikeda, Kelcy McKenzie, and Christopher Muschett.

Family and Friends: Connie Accomando (Jim's mom); Colleen Ring Campbell and family; Brandon Deedon (Pertrinea Cash's son); Paul Douglas (Rita Skog's cousin); Lynelle Dupuis (sister of Bethany); Carter Faustini; William Fensterer (Julie Traum's father); Kimberly Fetteri (friend of the Gindek family); Nate Gifford (Connie Sargent's cousin); David Green (friend of David McKinnis); Greenawalt and Darnall Families (Gindek family); Bill Fry (Penny Stevens' brother-in-law); Walter Haenn (brother of Madeline Lee); Yochai Harel, Melanie Rainbow-Harel and family (friends of Michelle Walker); Tiffany Hinton (friend of Rita Skog); Christina Holms (Connie and Bill Sargent's niece); Erol Kephelas (cousin of Rita Skog); Nancy King (Friend of Paul Cahill); Susan Labas (friend of Patty Bilotto); Peter Maloney; Verne Marble (Charlotte Dyslin's mother); Dorothy Michalowski (friend of Connie and Bill Sargent); Andre Mirkine; Barbara Peterson (friend of Ted and Judy Andre); Artie Quinn; Dick Reese (father in law of Melissa Stanhewicz); Patty Roberts (cousin of Connie and Bill Sargent); Rosalie Rutkauskas (Jessie's Grandmother); Nan Scarborough (Stepmother of David McKinnis); Levi Schmidt (Russ Stevens' father-in-law); Darlene and Bobby Scaia (Pat Bilotto's cousins); Stephen Stenberg (son of Jeanne Reed's college friend); Danielle Taal, daughter of Joe and Lauren Strickland, and their five grandsons in Libya; Hayder, Nada, Ali, and Leith Tawfiq (friends of First Church).



Please stay for Fellowship Hour
in the Webb Room following worship



If you would like to take a turn to host
please email Cathy Kane:
ckfellowship.coffeehour@gmail.com

Pray Together



Join Senior Deacon Wendy Williams
Brown in the Spollet Chapel for a
time of prayer between the services.



Raise your children in a community
of faith to know a loving God!
Fun, Faith & Service for ALL ages!

Sundays 10:15am



Easter Music Programming

PALM SUNDAY, March 24

Faure's The Palms: 8:15am

Bagpipe Processional + Adult Choirs of St. Paul's & First Church: Town Green 10:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March, 28

Ashley Zadavec, Soprano & the Bell Chior: 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

Healey Willan's The Reproaches: 12:00pm

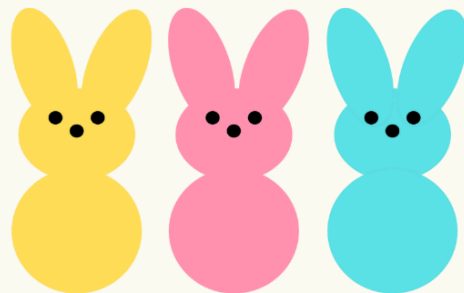


YOU ARE INVITED!

FIRST CHURCH OF FAIRFIELD'S

Egg Hunt!

1000s
of eggs!



Ages
0-10!

 EASTER SUNDAY 
MARCH 31 @ 10:00AM

For more info, email Kim at
kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org

Hosted by First Church of Fairfield
& Disciple Road Sunday School
148 Beach Road Fairfield, CT
Meet on the front lawn @ 10:00am

