

Worship Service on March 24, 2024

Welcome and Announcements ~ Linell Pike

Tonight ~ Alpha is meeting tonight at 5 pm and people attending can bring soup and/or accompaniments.

Thursday ~ There will be a potluck meal at 5:30 pm followed by an interactive service with communion.

Friday ~ The Good Friday service begins at 3 pm (with bell ringing starting at 2:30 pm). We enter and leave in silence for this service contemplating Jesus' death on the cross.
~ Please see Pastor Rebecca if you are willing to be a Scripture reader for the Thursday or Friday service.

Saturday ~ The women will have their monthly breakfast and Mary and Martha meeting at 8:30 am and prepare the flowers for the cross.

Next Sunday ~ There will be a sunrise service at the Dormy Grill Porch overlooking the mountain at 6:30 am. If the weather is poor, the service will be moved inside to the First Congregational Church.
~ Our main worship service will be at 10:30 am here at church.
Please pray about who you could invite to join you for these special services.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Johnson on March 30th.

Thank you to Jenny Sprague for the palms
in loving memory of her father, Moe Thompson



Word of Preparation ~ Linell Pike

Prelude ~ The worship team will lead us in singing **“Hosanna”**

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest*

*Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God. Hosanna in the highest*

*Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings
Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings*

*Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God. Glory to the King of kings*

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Call to Worship ~ Zechariah 9:9 and Malachi 3:1-2a

read by Linell Pike. Please join in on the bold lines.

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

“I will send my messenger,
who will prepare the way before me.
Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking
will come to his temple;
the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire,
will come,” says the Lord Almighty.
² But who can endure the day of his coming?
Who can stand when he appears?

Song ~ “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (#192, blue hymnal)

*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!*

*The company of angels are praising you on high
And we with all creation in chorus make reply
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present
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*

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Praying Together ~

Space for prayer requests

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,
Amen**

Song ~ “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (#190, blue hymnal)

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear
Things I would ask him to tell me if He were here
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me*

*First let me hear how the children stood round His knee
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace
All in the lovelight of Jesus’ face.
Into the city I’d follow the children’s band
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”*

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca

Scripture Text ~ Mark 11:1-11 (NIV) read by Linell Pike

- ¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,
² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.
³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”
⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”
⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.
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⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus
and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed
shouted, “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts.
He looked around at everything, but since it was already late,
he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Sermon~ “Walking with the Lord” ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“Holy Forever”

*A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And the angels cry holy. All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever
If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen
And the angels cry holy. All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever
Hear Your people sing holy to the King of Kings, holy
You will always be holy, holy forever*

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*You will always be holy
Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry, holy, All creation cries, holy
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever
Hear your people sing holy
To the King of Kings holy, You will always be, holy
Holy forever
You will always be holy, holy forever*

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Benediction ~ from The Book of Common Prayer

***“Almighty God, whose most dear Son
went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
Mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the Cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.”***