

**Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118**



*Hosanna!
Blessed is He
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!*

JOHN 12:13

April 13, 2025

Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

Palm Sunday

The Reverend Kevin Weikel
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

but in humility – riding on a donkey, offering peace. You met the cries of longing with steadfast love, and the chaos of the world with unshakable grace. In a world where power often shouts, your love still whispers hope into the cracks of our lives. We adore you for your courage to enter into our mess, your compassion that never turns away, and your vision that sees beyond what is into what could be. Prepare our hearts, O Christ, to walk this Holy Week with you – not as spectators, but as followers. Shape us in your image – gentle, just, and full of mercy. And now, we join together as your people, praying the words you taught us: 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.

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kevin Weikel

Song of Response and Reflection

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Chalice Hymn #306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen**

Offertory Sentences

Bea Piersa

God has given us more than we can count – mercy, love, and daily grace. As the crowds once laid down palms and cloaks in Jesus' path, so we lay before God our offerings, that they may bless and uplift the world.

Offertory Anthem

The Palms
Chancel Choir

Jean Baptiste Faure

† Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Chalice Hymn #46

**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.**

† Prayer of Dedication

In Unison

Generous God, we lay before you these gifts – symbols of our gratitude and trust. Use them, we pray, to proclaim peace, sow justice, and nurture compassion in our community and beyond. May they reflect your kingdom vision, where all are seen, welcomed, and loved. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading	Mark 11:1-11	Pew Bible Page 823
Sermon	“Monday Morning Quarterbacking”	Rev. Kevin Weikel
✠ Sending Hymn	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	Chalice Hymn #192
Benediction		Rev. Kevin Weikel
Postlude		Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Credit: Hymnary.org



The South Church family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors this morning. We hope you will find this worship service meaningful, the fellowship friendly, and that you will consider making this your church home. If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out the Pew Card that can be found in the pew or at the Welcome Station outside the sanctuary. You may give this card to any usher or put it in the offertory plate. We also encourage you to speak with Pastor Kevin.

Hearing devices are available for use during worship service. Please see an Usher if you're in need of one.


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The lighting of the steeple for the month of April is provided by Chris & Debbie Rataic in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary. They were married at South Congregational Church on April 3, 1976.

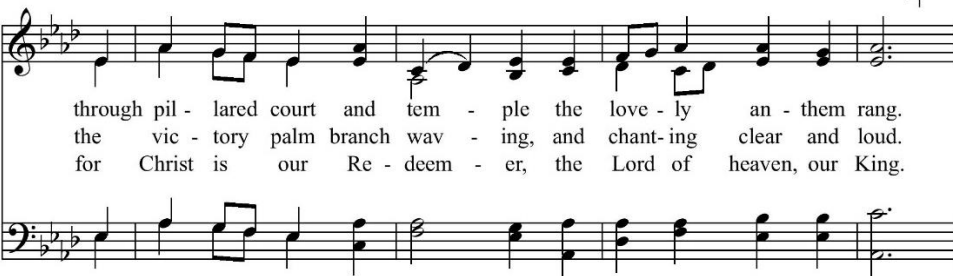
This Sunday's Service Volunteers:

- Ushers:** Scott and Mark Davis
- Lay Reader:** Bea Piersa
- Deacons** for the month of **April:** Janet Lynch and Debbie McNamara
- Audio Visual:** Chuck Pelletier, Bob Handel and Elly Milone
- Flower Contacts:** Lisa Handel and Gayle Juliani

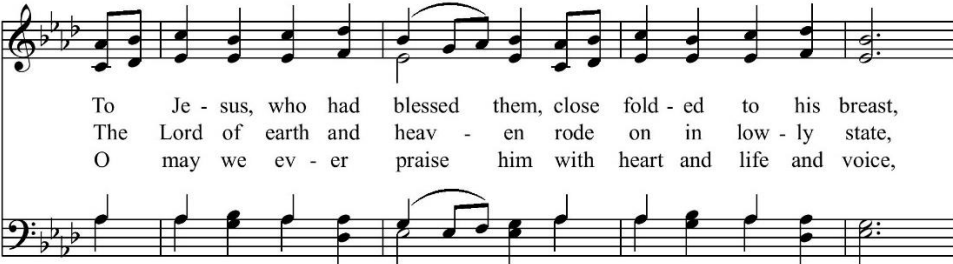
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jennette Threlfall, 1873
Tune: *Gesangbuch*, Wittenberg, 1784



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Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

April 17 / 7:00 PM

Enter the shadows with us for this moving Tenebrae service, remembering Jesus' final meal with his disciples. A quiet, honest reflection on love, loss, and the deepening darkness of Holy Week.

Good Friday

April 18 / 2:00-4:00 PM

On this solemn and sacred day, the sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and meditation. Pastor Kevin will be available for individual prayer near the stained-glass window from 2:00–2:30 PM and again from 3:00–3:30 PM. Jeff will offer meditative piano music from 2:30–3:00 PM and 3:30–4:00 PM.

Easter Sunday

April 20

Sunrise Service at 5:45 AM – Gather at the cross in front of the church as we welcome the dawn of Easter together.

Easter Worship at 10:00 AM – Celebrate the resurrection with uplifting music, joyful community, and the good news: Christ is Risen!

Family Brunch

April 27

The Sunday after Easter will be a time of celebration and community as we gather for a Family Brunch in Charrier Hall. Instead of a sermon, we'll share a meal and enjoy fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our bonds and enjoy one another's company.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our Sympathy Goes to...

Nancy & Bob Benigni and their family as Nancy's mother, Jean Brusseau, passed into God's eternal care on April 6th.

Continued Prayers are Needed for...

<i>Barbara Abbott</i>	<i>Joann Dufresne</i>	<i>Mary Ann Higgins</i>	<i>Chris Rataic</i>
<i>Nimmi Baker</i>	<i>Bill Fagan</i>	<i>Barbara Hooker</i>	<i>Bev Saunders</i>
<i>Georgi Beers</i>	<i>Charlie Goding</i>	<i>Liz Costa-Mayerson</i>	<i>Russell Turner</i>
<i>Barbara Benson</i>	<i>Nancy Goding</i>	<i>Beth McGinnis</i>	
<i>John & Phyllis Carella</i>	<i>Barbara Guthrie</i>	<i>Gene Pellett</i>	

Andrew, friend of the Turners

Jim, Debbie Grote's brother-in-law

Mary Anne Barrett, sister of Liz Costa Mayerson

The family of Jean Foisey

Sandy Hodge, sister of a friend of Jean Foisey and Debbie Rataic

Anthony Manuel, grandson of Debbie Wall

Paul Morgan, brother of Gayle Lopez who is a friend of Barbara McNamara

Addyson Murphy, great-granddaughter of George and Peggy Schoen

Sam Ranno, friend of the Handel family

Roseann Russell, friend of Debbie Wall

Richard Shonti, husband of friend of Jean Foisey

Bill Vendetta, Debbie Wall's brother-in-law

This Week at South Church

SUNDAY, April 13

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement
8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary
10:00am – Worship Service/Palm Sunday
11:00am – Community Sunday/Charrier Hall

MONDAY, April 14

2:30pm – Administrative Committee/Library
6:00pm – Bible Study/Library
7:00pm – CitySingers/Library

TUESDAY, April 15

11:00am – Staff Meeting
2:00pm – Tuesdays at Two/Library
6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, April 16

11:00am – Memorial & Reception
6:30pm – Cub Scouts/Rms 2, 9&10, and
Charrier Hall

THURSDAY, April 17

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, April 18

2:00-4:00pm – Sanctuary Open

SATURDAY, April 19

No Events

SUNDAY, April 20

5:45am – Sunrise Service/Front Lawn
8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary
10:00am – Easter Worship Service

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