



“Then They Remembered”

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

10am, March 24, 2024



Welcome to the Storrs Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!

As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather as the Body of Christ.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ. Some of the songs we sing are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of everyday living. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

Mission of the Storrs Congregational Church:

We share in God’s love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.

These May Help During the Service... If you would like a **large-print** copy of the bulletin and hymns, would like seat or back cushions, or are looking for a wheelchair or accessible seating, please ask an usher. **The restroom in this building** is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the chancel (in the northeast corner of the building).

Children, too, are welcome at all services. It is important for families to worship together. We are glad to have children—and all their wiggles and giggles—as part of our community and worship life! Families are welcome to visit our PRAYGROUND toward the front pews, on the right side of the meeting house. There are books and quiet activities available for little ones. We also have a fully-staffed Family Room available for child care, if desired. Our ushers will be happy to direct you. Whenever worship is blessed with the presence of children, the liturgy will include a “Time for All God’s Children”. Welcome!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: All are welcome, including children, to share in the feast at Christ’s table. Communion is shared the first Sunday of each month.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: We gladly offer the sign and seal of God’s grace in the waters of baptism, both to children and adults of any age. *For more information, contact the pastor.*

The language of worship is rich and diverse, and yet always inadequate to express the fullness of the divine. In our worship life, we strive to use inclusive language for humanity and expansive imagery for the divine, while respecting the poetry and imagery of texts handed down to us from the ages. Honoring our diversity, in those places where we speak or sing together, worshippers may use language with which they are comfortable or familiar.

Palm Sunday

Palm branches in hand, we join a procession begun centuries ago in Jerusalem, as part of a long line of people in need of God's saving grace. We rejoice as Christ comes to open the gates of justice and bring heaven's peace.

Please stand as you are able '.*

*Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices, and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.*

Please know that our services are recorded on Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.

LITURGY OF PALMS

All who wish may gather in the Narthex to receive palms and join in the procession at the beginning of worship!

* Opening Acclamation

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many: **Hosanna in the highest!**

* Blessing of the Palms

* Procession

One: Let us go forth in peace,

Many: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Following the worship leader, all who are gathered will process into the Meeting House. A second acclamation by the entire congregation will be followed immediately by the opening hymn.

*Acclamation by the Congregation

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many: **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Hymn — “All Glory Laud and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (ST. THEODULPH)

Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine (last time, end)

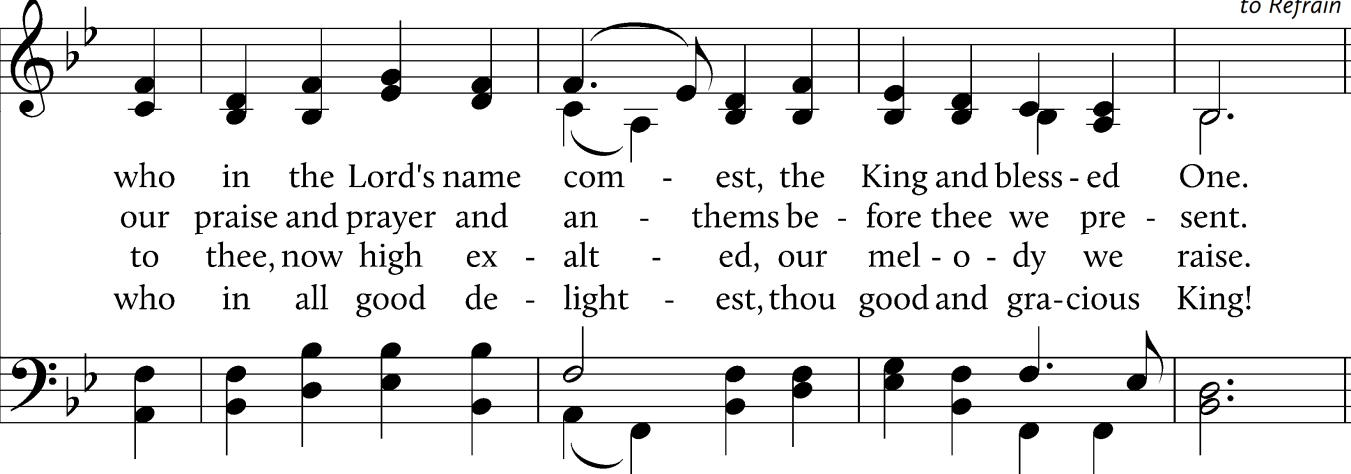


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

Call to Confession

Pamela Roberts

The Gospel of John tells us that crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, singing and shouting with confidence. After describing the crowd, however, the Gospel writer zooms in on the disciples and tells us that while the crowds shouted praise at Jesus, the disciples were confused. The text says, “the disciples did not understand these things”.

Our lives may look like this: either we understand God’s presence in our lives and want to shout it from the rooftop—or we’re standing on the side of the parade missing our chance to sing. That is why we need the prayer of confession. Because life happens fast, and without a doubt, we have stood where the disciples stood. So let us pray, for we don’t want to miss our chance to sing:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!
 We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.
 However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.
 Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song.
 Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
 but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.
 Show us which songs are ours to sing.
 Show us which parades are ours to lead,
 and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.
 With hope and honesty we pray, amen.**

(time of silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

One: Beloved, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus marched for you. Jesus’ love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you. You are included in this story and nothing can ever change that. So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones: Jesus Christ loved you yesterday. Jesus Christ loves you today.

Many: **And Jesus Christ will love us tomorrow.
 We are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve.
 May we trust in these words. Amen.**

Whenever worship is blessed with the presence of children, the liturgy will include ‘A Time for All God’s Children’. Children are welcome to remain in worship afterwards, or to come play in our staffed “Family Room” for the balance of the service.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Anthem — “Ride On, King Jesus” spiritual arr. by Parker & Shaw

Adult Choir

Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinduh me,
Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinduh me.

I was but young when I begun.
No man can a- hinduh me
But now my race is almost done.
No man can a- hinduh me. *Refrain*

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse.
No man can a- hinduh me
The river of Jordan he did cross.
No man can a- hinduh me. *Refrain*

If you ever want to find your way to God
No man can a- hinduh me
The gospel highway must be trod.
No man can a- hinduh me. *Refrain*

Prayer of Illumination

Pamela Roberts

God of grace,
Your Word is like a song.
It is the melody that we long to sing,
the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads.
So as we return to scripture once more,
we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song.
Allow us to hear the truth in between the words.
Allow the cries of the crowd’s “hosannas” to feel like our own.
With open hearts and open ears we pray, amen.

Scripture Reading — John 12:12-16

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REFRAIN — from “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

see music above

♪ All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! ♪

Sermon — “Press pause”

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

*Hymn — “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

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RESPONSE

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering

Responding with our Gifts

As the offering is collected, prayers of either joy or concern may be written on the purple prayer request cards found in the pew rack and placed in the offering plates as they are passed. Offerings may be made electronically through our online 'Give Now' option. Scan the QR code for easy access.



Call to Offering

OFFERING — “Hosanna!” by Krug

SCC Ringers

*Embodying the more-simplified mood of Lent, there is no **Song of Praise (Doxology)**.
As you are able, in body or in spirit, **please rise when invited as the offering is brought forward**.*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Merciful God, once again we add our voices to the throngs who, across the ages, have shouted "Hosanna!" at the coming of your Son. Some meant it and followed. Others would later add their voices to the ones that shouted "Crucify Him!" May our songs, may our prayers, and may our gifts this morning reflect our deepest desire to be more than spectators. Help us truly be followers of your Son, the Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer, ending with The Lord's Prayer

Many: Our Creator, 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 glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

News from our Life Together

We Turn Towards Passion/Maundy Thursday

Anthem — “Christus factus est” by Anerio

Adult Choir

Christus factus est pro nobis
obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum
et dedit illum nomen,
quod es super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefor God exalted him
and gave him a name
which is above all names.

Moment of Silence

*Hymn — “My Song Is Love Unknown”

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*Benediction

Beloved wanderers,
as you leave this place,
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.
May you look for God in every face.
May you find the courage to get out of the boat,
to run to the tomb,
and to speak of your faith.
And when the world falls apart,
may you hear God’s voice deep within,
saying, “Take heart, it is I, be not afraid.”
You are called.
You are blessed.
In both your ups and your downs,
you always belong to God.
Go trusting that good news.
Go in peace.
Amen.

Postlude — “Processional” by Matthias]

Adult Choir

Come on over to the Auditorium following worship to join a feast of down-home Southern cookin’ and fellowship hosted by our Scrumptious Southern Brunch Team of Don and Jan Castle, Wes and Jamie Lang-Rodean, Duffy and Laurie Brookes, Gail Kapinos, Andy McCabe, Eileen Metzgar, Ray Joesten, TJ Morrison, Linda Blum and Jan Marie Weston.

We hope that guests and visitors will considerer joining the church for this beloved, **annual event** where we have fun with old friends, get to know and make new friends while being graciously treated to renown southern hospitality.

Everyone is welcome. Remember to wear your nametag over to the brunch to continue conversational ease and familiarity in getting to know each other!

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Luke 19:36-38; Zech. 9:9

Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 2 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!

O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,
 As crowds of peo - ple come to see
 Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;
 For you have set your peo - ple free

On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,
 And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high
 Be - hold the ones you came to save
 And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,

as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
 their praise for one a - bout to die.
 from sense - less life and end - less grave.
 now meet a - gain to hail your reign.

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

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Life at SCC...

Today...

8:45 am	Student Breakfast (Auditorium)
9:00 am	Adult Choir (MH)
10:00 am	Worship (MH & Online)
11:00 am	Food Pantry Open (Room 102)
11:00 am	Library open (CE – Library)
11:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Cemetery)
11:30 am	Scrumptious Southern Brunch (Auditorium)
1:00 am	AT&T Discussion (201)
2:30 pm	Consonare Rehearsal (Lounge/Auditorium)
5:15 pm	University Ballet Co. (Auditorium)
7:30 pm	Speaker Group (Auditorium)

Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the Meeting House and on Zoom & YouTube. Expressive, participatory liturgy; thoughtful preaching; and a soul-stirring blend of new and traditional music are some of the elements you can expect to encounter each Sunday.

The flowers on the chancel this morning are in celebration of Lynn & Marjorie Brown's 71st wedding anniversary on March 22nd.

Assisting in today's service ...

Liturgist: Pamela Roberts

Greeter: Malta Bailey

Ushers: Dana Gregus, Wesley Lang-Rodean

Welcome Table: Jamie Lang-Rodean

Fellowship Host: Scrumptious Southern
Brunch Team

Family Room Hosts: Zoe Strickler, Jade Kilburn

Tech Team: Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes,
Jan & Don Castle, Susan Irvine

Meet

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: *Sunday, March 24th*, immediately following worship and before heading to the Scrumptious Southern Brunch, come and see what you can find hidden among the stones and leaves in the cemetery behind the church! No sign up is necessary! Everyone is welcome!

Food Pantry Advisory Board Meeting: *next meeting, Monday, March 25th at 2:15pm in the SCC Library.* Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to attend this meeting.

C.A.F.E. Storrs Study Group: *meets in person or via zoom Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.* You are invited to participate in discussing Holy Week through the Gospel of Mark (11 – 16:8). We'll use the Scripture and Marcus Borg & Dominic Crossan's book "The Last Week" as a resource.

To access the zoom link, visit <https://www.storrscongchurch.org/forming-faith/faith-formation-adult/> and select the zoom link to be let into the discussion.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: *next gathering, Thursday, March 28th at 10:00am in the Library and via zoom.* For zoom link, visit <https://www.storrscongchurch.org/connecting/prayer-shawl-ministry/> and select the zoom link to be let into the discussion.

Serve

Final Opportunity to offer Support: On February 23rd we shared the sad news of the death of Antonio's son, Marco Antonio Aguilera (41) who suffered a stroke as a complication from his cancer treatment and did not recover. The pain of this loss is felt deeply. The church has provided a way that you can help Antonio's family directly with a monetary contribution. This opportunity will end on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024.

Donations are made directly to **KeyBank**.

There are two ways to do so:

1. Mail or deliver a check payable to "**Storrs Congregational Church (2426)**" to KeyBank (596 Middle Turnpike (Route 44) Storrs CT 06268).
2. Mail or deliver a check payable to "**Storrs Congregational Church (2426)**" to the church, to the attention of our treasurer, Donna Latincsics, to deposit the funds to the KeyBank account.

Other news & notes...

Interested in restoring our Peace?: The March edition of the *Carillon* newsletter included an article about our Peace Pole, *dedicated to Don Hoyle*, its **destruction in October** and the **decision to replace it**. If you are interested in investing in this endeavor *at any level*, make your check made payable to 'SCC' with 'Peace Pole' in the memo and place in the offering plate or mail to the office.

Scan the QR code to access our Give Now online option and select 'Peace Pole' from the available funds. Thank you for participating in our recommitment to a visible display of Universal Peace in Don's honor.



Prayers of the People...

Holy One, hear now the prayers of your people:

Prayers for the grieving...

- For **Antonio A. and his family** as they continue to grieve the death of Marco Antonio;
- The **Klimkiewicz family** as they mourn the death of Julie's mom, Artel Scheid, on Thursday.
- Prayers for the **Carneiro family and the UConn community**, in the wake of the recent death of Jackson Carneiro, a beloved UConn student.
- For these beloved ones and all who travel a season of grief, may your Spirit be a source of comfort and strength and grace.

Prayers for healing...

- Ray and Jane ask for continued prayers for their son, **Bob and his wife, Diana**.
- for continued recovery and healing for **Mark R., Robin, Marjorie B, and Pam R.**
- For all who are navigating health struggles, may there be healing, recovery and wholeness. Prayers for all caregivers, may they have moments of rest along the caregiving path.

Prayers of joy....

- for Kathy H. as she rejoices at being back home!

Prayers for our world...

- for our planet: may the effects of climate change, including a warming planet, be addressed as stewards of your singular gift we call Earth.
- Suffering in Haiti, Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and everywhere that conflict tears at our humanity. How long, O Lord, until your ways become our ways? May we seek non-violent resistance and non-violent resolution to conflict.

Dear God, Thank you for hearing our prayers this week; these, and the needs that remain unspoken, but in our hearts. As we enter Holy week, help us to prepare our hearts and minds for the roller-coaster of emotions that we feel from the triumph of Palm Sunday through the pain and horror of the crucifixion, to the victory of the Resurrection. We walk with you on this most holy week, at your side as you bring the light of hope into the world.

Prayer by Ellen Bradley

Nancy and Ed Tomastik are happily and gratefully celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on March 28 with family and friends. We're happy to still be happy together and grateful to still be alive to do so!

Ongoing at SCC...

Service Sewing: Mondays, 9:30 am. Prepare school bags & package supplies for Hygiene & School Kits for Church World Service. Contact: *Laurie Brookes, thebrookes@aol.com or Patty Tanaka, patty.tanaka33@yahoo.com.*

Food Pantry Advisory Board: 4th Monday at 2:30 pm in the SCC Library. Discuss the Food Pantry, it's role in the community, how to better serve those who use it and volunteer opportunities. Interested? Email: SCCFoodPantry@storrsconchurch.org or just come to the meeting.

Edwina Whitney Library: Open following worship on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Books may be borrowed at any time by following the instructions on the file cabinet in the library. Our Librarians are available for help whenever needed. Contact: Janet Atkins janetatkins275@gmail.com

C.A.F.E. Storrs: Wednesdays, 10:30 am, in the Library or via zoom. At “Coffee and Faith Exploration,” lend your thoughts and voice to the discussion around upcoming Sunday Scriptures and discover how “God is still speaking”. Everyone is welcome! Contact: *Mike Lake coachrmlake@gmail.com*

Parish Piecers Quilt Group: Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on the second floor of the Education Building. This long-time service group hand quilts and works on machine quilted projects. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact: *Linda Blum, lblum0598@charter.net or Nancy Rucker, nlrucker@mindspring.com.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 4th Thursday, 10:00 am. Members of the prayer shawl ministry team gather in the SCC Library or via Zoom. The team welcomes the ministry of many other knitters and crocheters from the congregation who are not able to gather on a weekday morning but create shawls on their own time. Contact: *Sue Schur at sue.b.schur@snet.net*

Caring Ministry: At times challenges, as well as at times of joy, Caring ministers assist through material and relational support. Our network of volunteers who assist with meals, transportation, visits, prayers, communications and more will step into action. Contact *Patty Tanaka at patty.tanaka33@yahoo.com.*

Sunday Morning Roles: Serve as a liturgist, usher, greeter, welcome table or fellowship hour host. Contact: *Deborah Gacek at sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org*

Music Opportunities:

Adult Choir: Thursdays, 7:30 pm, and Sundays, 9:00 am.

Adult Handbells: Thursdays, 6:30 pm, and selected Sundays and services.

Contact for all music opportunities:

Trisha Snyder at trisha@storrsconchurch.org.

This Week...

Monday

- 9:30 am Service Sewing (*Room 207*)
- 12:00 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 2:30 pm Table Tennis (*Auditorium*)
- 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance (*Auditorium*)

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Library Open (*Ed. Bldg.*)
- 7:00 pm Lego Robotics (*Rooms 201 & 207*)
- 7:30 pm Swing & Blues (*Auditorium*)

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Parish Piecers (*2nd Floor Ed. Building*)
- 10:30 am C.A.F.E. Storrs (*Library & Zoom*)
- 4:00 pm UConn Dance Co. (*Auditorium*)
- 6:30 pm University Ballet Co. (*Auditorium*)
- 7:00 pm Buddhist Meditation (*SCC Community Room*)

Thursday

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Meeting (*Library & Zoom*)
- 2:30 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 6:30 pm UConn Dance Co. (*Auditorium*)
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir (*Meeting House*)
- 6:45 pm Handbells (*Meeting House*)
- 7:30 pm **Maundy Thursday Service** (*Meeting House*)

Friday

- 12-3 pm **Silent Vigil & Meditation** (*Waggoner Chapel*)
- 4:00 pm Table Tennis (*Auditorium*)

Saturday

- 11:30 pm Table Tennis (*Auditorium*)

Sunday ~ Happy Easter!!!

- **6:15 am Sunrise Service** (*New Storrs Cemetery*)
followed by Breakfast in the Auditorium
- 9:00 am Adult Choir (*MH*)
- **10:00 am Festival Worship (MH & Online)**
- 11:00 am Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 11:00 am Library open (*CE – Library*)
- 11:00 am Fellowship (*Auditorium*)
- 7:30 pm Speaker Group (*Auditorium*)

Holy Week and Easter Happenings @ SCC

Join Us today following Worship for:

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15am in the Cemetery behind the church
Scrumptious Southern Brunch, 11:30am in the Parish House Auditorium.



Maundy Thursday: The Supper & the Shadows: Communion & Tenebrae

March 28th, 7:30pm in person and online



Good Friday, Silent Prayer Vigil and Meditation

March 29th, 12-3pm

*The Waggoner Chapel will be open for silent prayer and reflection,
come and participate for as brief or long a time as you are able.*



Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of our Lord

March 31st

Sunrise Worship Service

New Storrs Cemetery (approx. 6:15am) in person only
followed by a hot breakfast in the Auditorium

Easter Worship Service

10am, in the SCC Sanctuary and online!



We envision our community as a **welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation: Believing that each of us is unique and blessed with special talents from God, each a creation of God's love, alike and yet different, we open our doors and our ministry to *all*. We accept into full participation in the life of this Church: people of any age, economic status, gender, marital status, race, sexual orientation, and physical, emotional and mental capability. As a community, we will work to put aside all prejudices and to affirm and promote the worth and dignity of each person.

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