

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLISTON

LENT 2012



Worship with us during Lent each Sunday at 10:00am.

Palm Sunday April 1st, 10:00am

Join us as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the gateway to Holy Week at 10:00am. There will be special music by the chancel choir.

Maundy Thursday April 5th, 6:30pm

On Holy Thursday we commemorate the last supper of Jesus with his disciples by celebrating a traditional Passover seder with prayers and symbolic food recounting the Jews exodus from Egypt. This service is intended for all ages and **will be held in Jordan Hall**. The chancel choir will sing.

Good Friday April 6th

Family Service – 11:00am

Please join us in the sanctuary as Rev. Bonnie shares the meaning of holy week through stories and symbols. The service will be followed by a simple soup luncheon in Jordan Hall.

Evening Service - 7:30pm

In moments of horror, we seek comfort and solace. When we endure trauma, we seek beauty and meaning. The pain of Good Friday is expressed in the altar stripped, bare, and shorn of its beauty. In churches around the world, Good Friday is a day of shadows and emptiness. In the midst of this sadness, we sing of the hope of life eternal. The promise of rest from our labors in this existence. Please join us as the Chancel Choir performs the Rutter Requiem . This music offers us this solace and hope through its seven movements. From the moment of death, as we suffer and die and walk towards the light, through the suffering and grieving of our loved ones, to the beauty of the eternal light in which we will bask in the love of God for forevermore. Through the service of Tenebrae, we mark the death of Christ. The lights dim and we leave the church in darkness. But as the lights are extinguished, the movements of the Requiem lead us to the light of God and the hope of the resurrection in Christ. Despite the darkness all around us, our spiritual life is fed and lit with the beauty of this music and the hope of life eternal. Blessed are they who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors.

Easter Vigil – Saturday April 7th 3:00pm – Sunday April 8th 6:30am

As we await the resurrection of Christ, the sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and reflection beginning at 3:00pm and ending at 6:30am when we gather in the cemetery for our Sunrise Service. Two members of the congregation will serve as hosts at all times. Please drop in whenever you feel moved and take part in this silent, reverent vigil.

Easter Sunday April 8th 2012

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30am

Our confirmation class will lead us in a glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We will meet in the cemetery in front of Town Hall. Please plan to stay for our Easter breakfast in Jordan Hall following the sunrise service. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of food.

Traditional Easter Service - 10:00am

Our sanctuary will be filled with music and rejoicing in the resurrection of our savior. All choirs will be singing with ringing by the Handbell Harmonies. He is Risen!