



April 10, 2022
Palm & Passion Sunday
First Congregational United Church of Christ
945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please prepare your heart and space for worship)

*PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION

Joseph Darling-LaGamma

One: Rejoice, O people of this city. Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem. Look, your ruler is coming; righteous and victorious, yet humble, riding on a colt.

Many: **Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!**

One: This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Many: **Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!**

One: Open the gates, that we may enter through them and give thanks to God. This is the gate of God, the righteous shall enter through it.

Many: **Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!**

One: Beloved, enter in.

*OPENING PROCESSIONAL

The Palms

Gene Robinson

WELCOME

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

*OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(see page 7)

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Hannah Long-Higgins

Reflection

Silent Meditation

A Candle is Extinguished

PRAYER

Loving God, as we breathe through this holy season of Lent, meet us here--in heartache and hope, in fear and joy, in clenched fists and cupped hands. Fill our lungs with breath and our lives with meaning. Amen.

Song of Response

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Mary Hayes

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD

Rev. Sam McFerran

(Please unmute yourself and greet those around you with words such as "The peace of God be with you." Let us bless one another with deep peace across time and space.)

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

ANTHEM

"Scatter the Joy"

Scatter the joy! Scatter the sunshine!
 Scatter the faith and hope and glory God has given to you!
 Spread it a round! Let the world resound with the sound!
 Since love, God's love has come your way! Spread it today!
 Scatter the sunshine!

Just listen to the sound of music on the soft summer air!
 Can you gather it up, and put it in a song for people everywhere?

Scatter the joy! (scatter the joy today!)
 Scatter the Sunshine! (scatter the joy and sunshine!)
 Scatter the faith and hope and glory God has given to you!
 Spread it around! Let the world resound with the sound!
 Since love, God's love has come your way! Spread it today!
 Scatter the sunshine!

Do you see a special kind of beauty in ev'ry living thing today?
 Can you carry that feeling deep in your heart as you travel on your way?

Scatter the joy! Scatter the sunshine!
 Scatter the faith and hope and glory God has given to you!
 Spread it around! Let the world resound with the sound!
 Since love has come your way; wonderful love has come your way;
 Scatter the joy, scatter the joy and sunshine all of the way!

Mark 14:32-46

Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane and he said to his disciples, "You all sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be deeply moved and distressed. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; you all stay here, and stay awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you do." Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not stay awake one hour? Stay awake and pray that you all may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. Jesus came a third time and said to them, "Are you all sleeping, still, and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Look! The Son of Woman is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

And instantly, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests, the religious scholars, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I kiss is he; seize him and lead him away safely." Then when Judas came, he went up to Jesus immediately and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and took him.

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

OFFERING

Rev. David Lindsey

As we worship virtually, we invite you to give virtually. Send your check to the office, [give online](#) through our website at www.firstuccdc.org, which includes options to give through PayPal or Vanco. Consider signing up for auto-giving in this time of physical distancing.

*DOXOLOGY

"Old Hundredth"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**Praise Christ all people here below.**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**One Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Rev. Amanda
Hendler-Voss*Adapted by Chance Hunter*

**Breath of Life, in whom we live and move and have our being,
Your presence fills all of creation.**

May justice and mercy reign, in our lives and in our world.

Today may our bellies be full, our hearts warm, and our fellowship open.

May we reconcile with the people we've hurt,

Just as we reconcile with the people who've hurt us.

Lead us not into a time of trial, but deliver us from evil.

For wherever grace and community abide, there you are with us;

We are not alone. Blessed be.

*CLOSING HYMN

"What a Wondrous Love Is This"

(see page 8)

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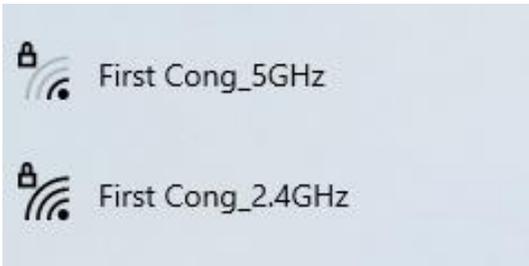
Connect with us! If you are worshiping from afar but would like to connect with the First Church community, please [click here](#) to fill out a Visitor's Card and check out our newsletters on our website www.firstuccdc.org. We are so grateful to be extending our reach beyond the DC region and welcome you warmly! With gratitude we thank Alyx Cheng, Abigail Cipparone and Allison Truhlar for serving as our Zoom moderators each week. Their work makes our worship possible! We also thank Tom Sowers and Graham Marsh, our sound designers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

(*) Indicates "Please rise in body or in spirit"

Participating in Worship

First Church Choir
(under the direction of Polly Gordon)
Dennis Turner, Guest Musician
Mary Hayes, Violin

(All pre-recorded hymns were created under the direction of John Horman)

	<p>First Church Wi-Fi password:</p> <p>first1865</p> <p>To avoid echo/feedback, please mute your device when taking part in group discussions.</p>
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Note Regarding Translation

Today's gender-expansive translation of the biblical texts comes from the Rev. Dr. Wilda C. Gafney, a Hebrew biblical scholar and Episcopal priest, a former Army chaplain, and a congregational pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. This translation hails from her new lectionary *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*, published by Church World Publishing Incorporated in 2021.



April Second Sunday Offering: [Interfaith Power& Light \(DMV\)](#)

In April we have the opportunity to give generously to our local environmental interfaith collaborative. **Interfaith Power and Light of DC, MD, NOVA (IP&L DMV)** is a project of the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington, led by First church member, David Lindsey. The staff and volunteers of IP&L DMV work with hundreds of congregations of all faiths across DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia to save energy, go green, and respond to climate change.

With Interfaith Power & Light we can:

LEARN: IP&L helps congregations EDUCATE, by incorporating environmental concerns into worship, teaching, and preaching. Check the extensive list of worship and program resources, the [Speakers Bureau](#) and our [Film Library](#).

ADVOCATE: IP&L provides opportunities for people of faith to SPEAK OUT for Creation in the public square, and to bring a uniquely powerful moral voice to local, state, and national environmental advocacy campaigns. [Find out what campaigns are going on in your community and take action.](#)

GO GREEN: IP&L helps congregations GO GREEN, by supporting them to go solar, buy clean power, and make green choices for home church and city. You can sign up for the green leaders' email listserv at program@ipldmv.org.



Worship with Us on Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 PM

[Click here](#) to join us by Zoom or [click here](#) to sign-up to join us in person on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 PM for this Maundy Thursday service focused on Jesus' last supper and final evening with his friends. We will mark this holy day with beautiful music, scripture readings from the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, and heartfelt testimony as we break the

bread and share in the cup together. If you plan to join us by Zoom, please plan to set your worship table at home with some form of bread and cup, which we will bless together.



Worship with us on Easter Sunday: April 17

[Click here](#) to worship with us by Zoom at 10:30 on Easter Sunday or [click here](#) to sign-up to worship with us in the sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave with the new life of resurrection. Dwan Reece and Dennis Turner will open our service musically and Lynaya Morris will serve as our liturgist. Rev. Sam will invite our children and youth forward to help flower the cross. Lindsay Swisher and Lucille Dickinson will serve as our scripture readers with focus texts from Genesis 1-2 and the gospel of Matthew's account of Jesus' resurrection, and Rev. Amanda will preach. We will be blessed by the gorgeous music of our church choir. Our celebration will culminate in the joyous feast of communion, so if you are joining us from home, please set

your worship tables with the elements of bread and cup, which we will bless and break together. All are welcome, so please do invite friends and family! Following worship, we will enjoy an outdoor coffee hour (as well as a Zoom coffee hour), and all are invited to attend an afternoon egg hunt in Garfield Park at 1:00. Join us!



Installation of Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss: Saturday, April 30

[Click here](#) to join us by Zoom or [click here](#) to sign-up to join us in the sanctuary for the installation of Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss as Senior Minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ on Saturday, April 30 at 3:00 PM. Please join the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, delegates of local churches, and authorized ministers as we prayerfully install Rev. Amanda in this service of worship. The

service will include a procession of local clergy, a candle-lighting liturgy led by commissions, choral music, a sermon from the Rev. Aubra Love, and a charge to our congregation by Dr. Renee Harrison. Please note this service will be recorded for later viewing and made available on our YouTube channel. The service will be followed by a reception organized by Care of Parish. Please support Rev. Amanda with your presence and participation.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
 Melchior Teschner, 1615
 For another setting, see 217

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

Prayer List

Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Peg Lorenz, following her death.

Prayers of healing for Rose Berman following surgery.

Prayers of comfort for the family of LaTayna Purnell following the death of her father.

Prayers of comfort for Anthony Brooks, Jr.

Prayers of support for Andre, the mother of Scott Prentice, as she battles leukemia.

Prayers of support for Diane Brenneman and her daughter Sara.

Prayers of healing for Liz and Lance Warren.

Prayers of mercy for the people of Afghanistan and Afghan families resettling in the U.S.

Prayers for Monte Hillis and her husband Bert, as she faces the rapid onset of dementia.

Prayers of peace and liberation for Ukraine, Nicaragua, Cuba, and Haiti.

Byron Adams' niece, Valerie, undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.

Families struggling to eat and make ends meet.

People's UCC, our sibling congregation.

Emmanuel Okorie-Dunn and Ellen Bushmiller, who serve as nurses.

Rev. Laura Johnson and Rev. Diana Gomez de Molina, who serve as chaplains.

We are an Open & Affirming congregation, welcoming all LGBTQ+ individuals and families into the full life and leadership of our church.



Welcome to First Congregational UCC. We were founded in 1865 by abolitionists as the first racially integrated church in Washington, D.C. In 1867 our mission committee played a prominent role in the founding of Howard University. The church has been located at its present site at 10th and G Streets NW since 1868. In more recent years, the church affirmed its vision as an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church (1987), a Just Peace Church (1985), and a Multiracial/Multicultural Church (2003). Our new building, constructed according to Gold LEED standards, was dedicated in 2012.

First Church continues to follow its faith journey into the future, and to be a prophetic voice for the Spirit in the nation's capital. If you would like to know more about First Church or would like to make it your spiritual home and community, please contact churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org or 202.628.4317.

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