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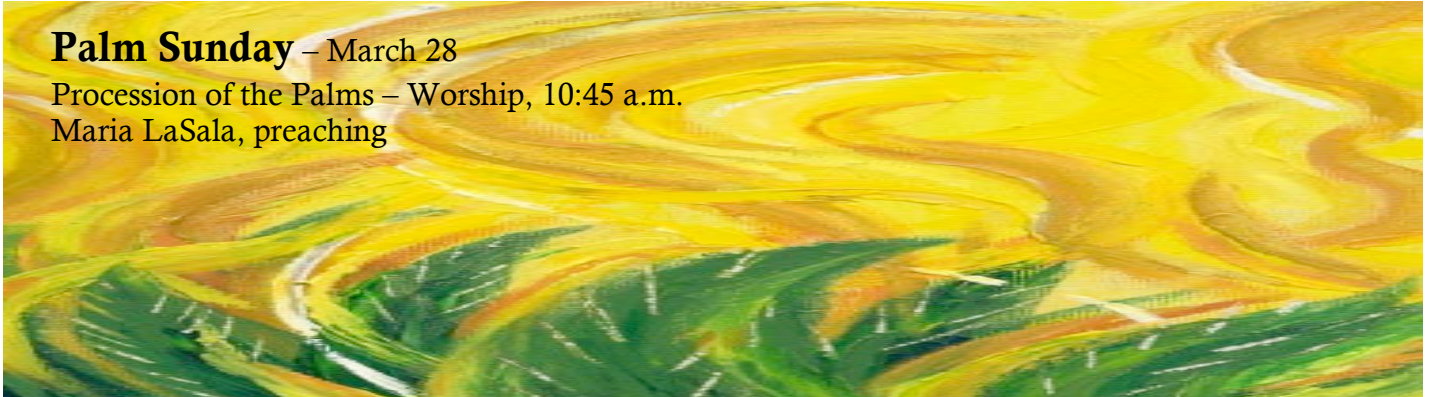
The News of First Presbyterian Church of New Haven

April 2010

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday – March 28

Procession of the Palms – Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Maria LaSala, preaching



Maundy Thursday – April 1

Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
in the Miller Gathering Hall
Steve Davis, preaching



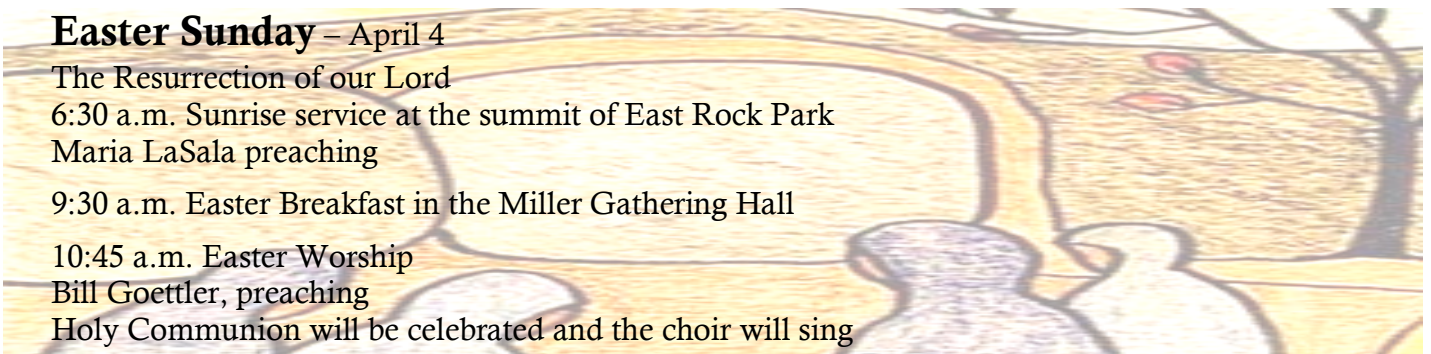
Good Friday – April 2

Tenebrae Service, 7:30 p.m.
The Passion of the Christ, from the Gospel According to Luke



Easter Sunday – April 4

The Resurrection of our Lord
6:30 a.m. Sunrise service at the summit of East Rock Park
Maria LaSala preaching
9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Miller Gathering Hall
10:45 a.m. Easter Worship
Bill Goettler, preaching
Holy Communion will be celebrated and the choir will sing
Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*



Holy Week and Easter at First Presbyterian Church

Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 28 with a procession of the palms on the lawn between the Owens Community Building and the Sanctuary Building. Led by the children of the congregation, we will enter the Whitney Avenue entrance to the sanctuary singing *Come All You People* as we wave our branches high. Co-Pastor Maria LaSala will preach. This day sets the tone for the week to come as we join Jesus on his journey to the cross and then the grave.

Maundy Thursday worship will take place on Thursday, April 1st in the Owens Community Building. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Steve Davis, professor of Early Christian History at Yale University and weekly worshiper at First Presbyterian Church, will reflect on the communion table in the life of the early Christian community. We will gather around one big table as we listen to the Word of God in scripture and to the words of the early church leaders, sing, pray and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Good Friday Tenebrae service will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In a candlelit sanctuary, we will sing Lenten hymns and hear the words of the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Luke. The service will conclude as it has every year, with Mattie Hatcher Long singing *Were You There?* in the darkened sanctuary.

Easter morning begins with the good news of Christ's resurrection. A sunrise service at the summit of East Rock Park will begin at 6:30 a.m. Once again we will be joined by members of First and Summerfield United Methodist Church and Hamden Plains United Methodist Church as we hear the resurrection story from the Gospel of Luke, sing hymns, and offer prayers. Maria LaSala will preach at this early service. Join us for Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. The room will be filled with tasty delights and treats for all. Breakfast will be served until 10:30 a.m.

Easter morning worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. Bill Goettler will be the preacher, the choir will sing, and all will welcome the return of God's "Alleluias." The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be received during the morning's worship. The service will conclude with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*.

Easter Egg Hunt

Come on and all for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning! The hunt for treats and treasures will begin following the Easter morning worship service. We will offer two "hunts" – one for younger children which will take place in the enclosed playground space, and one for older children, which will take place in the church's front yard. Cameras, everyone!

The Rev. Nora Tubbs Tisdale to preach on April 11

Nora Tubbs Tisdale, a weekly participant in worship at First Presbyterian Church and Clement-Muehl Professor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School will be the preacher on Sunday, April 11, the first Sunday after Easter. Come and hear the good news from one of the best preachers in the country! During worship that morning, Justin and Julie Ray will present their son, Milo Cassidy, for the Sacrament of Baptism. Rejoice in the Lord always!

Celebrate the Goodness of God's Creation on April 18

First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd) with a worship service reflecting the goodness of God's creation, and a Building and Grounds Clean Up Work Day following the Friendship Hour. Come to church in jeans or chinos, comfortable shoes, and garden gloves ... prepared to "Dig It!" Feel the joy of caring for the earth. The grounds committee, a sub-committee of the Property Committee, will give direction, as we go green. Be a part of this gathering of dedicated earth people to help spruce up the church property grounds. Come with yard tools, to help us make the church grounds look alive again. Rain date is Sunday, April 25th. Any questions, please contact Pat Wales or Art Hunt.

Adult Education

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation in the Miller Gathering Hall. On April 11, Maria LaSala and Elizabeth Kvach will explore the difficulties women in developing countries face in securing good reproductive health care, especially access to abortion and post abortion care. We will view the documentary *Not Yet Rain*, a look at the consequences of poor reproductive health care for women in Ethiopia. On April 18, Martha Smith and Mary Beth Decker return to lead us in a conversation about this year's Lenten Carbon Fast. What a great way to start our Earth Day celebration.

Confirmation Class members to speak in worship

Members of the First Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class will be speaking in worship beginning the Sunday after Easter. Each class member has been assigned a day and a scripture reading. In the tradition of the Jewish Bar/Bat Mitzvah, each student will read the text before the congregation, and then offer a brief reflection on that text. We can look forward to hearing from Harrison Davis, Ali Duncan, Scott Duncan, Rachel Matheny, Michael Schneider.

Join us for Bible Study!

The Lectionary Bible Study meets on Thursday Mornings at 11:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Each week we read and reflect on the texts for the upcoming Sunday.

The texts for April are:

April 4 *Easter Sunday* Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

April 11 Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 18 Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



Now as he [Saul] was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him...

- Acts 9:3

(Left) "Calling St. Paul," by He Qi. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

April 25 Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23:1-6; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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4 Easter 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 9:30 AM Choir 10:45 AM Worship - Communion	5 6 PM Worship Committee	6 3 PM Homework Help 6 PM Abraham's Tent @ CMI 7:30 PM Mission Committee 7:30 PM CLOC Meeting	7 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7 PM Choir	8 9 AM Yoga 11:30 AM Bible Study 3 PM Homework Help	9 8 PM CT Folk	10 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA 6 PM Dinner with Friends
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18 9 AM Peah Garden 9:30 AM CE 9:30 AM Choir 10:45 AM Worship 12 PM Friendship Hour 12:30 PM Property Work Day	19 8 PM Yale Rep	20 3 PM Homework Help 7:15 PM Session	21 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7 PM Choir	22 Earth Day 9 AM Yoga 11:30 AM Bible Study 3 PM Homework Help 6 PM Calvin's Brothers	23	24 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA 11 AM Confirmation Class
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Women at the Well

The April gathering of Women at the Well will take place on Wednesday, April 14th. The program will begin with a light supper of soups and breads at 5:30 p.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. YDS intern Ann Ameling will lead a conversation about nurturing seeds of new life within ourselves and watching them grow to maturity. We'll sing, pray, and together, make our garden grow. If you would like to make a pot of soup or bring bread or dessert, please talk with co-pastor Maria LaSala.

Dinner with Friends

On Saturday, April 10 @ 6 pm, enjoy the fun of sharing a casual dinner with a small group of First Presbyterian Friends.

All the good things in life - friends, talk, laughter, community in Christ - made even better by good food.

- ❖ Hosts and Guests may RSVP by adding their name to the [sign up sheet](#) on the **Welcome Table** or by contacting Art or Mary Hunt.
- ❖ There will be several hosts so each hosts a small group of six to eight guests.
- ❖ Art and Mary match the guests to the hosts.
- ❖ The dinner preparation is shared – the host chooses the menu and asks each guest to contribute.
- ❖ There is a place at the table for everyone who signs up. You are especially welcome if this will be your first Dinner with Friends.
- ❖ To complete the evening, we just need you.

Add your name to the [sign up sheet](#) on the **Welcome Table** or contact Art or Mary Hunt.

Food Match for Christian Community Action

During March and April, each non-perishable food item you donate to CCA will be matched with funds from the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation of Rhode Island (www.feinsteinfoundation.org).

The suggested “Meal a Month” menu for **April** is: Dinty Moore stew, canned green beans, applesauce, instant chocolate pudding, and powdered milk. (Cheerios are healthy and good for small children.) Please choose low-salt, low-sugar canned goods.

Peah Gardeners

There will be an organizational meeting and study session on Sunday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. at Congregation Mishkan Israel for prospective community gardeners. If you want to participate in this year's garden, (where half of the produce goes to the poor) it is important that you attend.

Calvin's Brothers – April 22

The men of the congregation are invited to join for supper and conversation on Thursday evening, April 22. This monthly gathering is a time to eat together, to talk together, to study scripture and talk about our faith together, and to pray. All are welcome to take part in this open time of community building and friendship.

Church Roof To be Repaired

The Property Committee, under the able direction of Elder Art Hunt, is in negotiation with the National Roofing Company, the builders of the roof on the Owens Community Building, and with Chapel Construction Company, the general contractors who built the building. The roof has been shedding shingles for the last year. Resolution of the liability, and the new shingles, should come soon!

Connecticut Folk Concerts

Once again, First Presbyterian Church will host folk music! The church receives 10 complimentary tickets. Email or call the church to reserve your tickets to “A Special Tribute to Phil Ochs” on April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Phil Ochs Song Night will commemorate his life and music while also highlighting new talents making music. His sister Sonny has invited a terrific roster of contemporary performers to celebrate Phil as they sing his songs and their own. Performers include Magpie, Kim & Reggie Harris, Greg Greenway, Kate McDonnell, Pat Wictor, John Flynn, and Nancy Tucker. – From ctfolk.org

For more information on Connecticut Folk Concerts, check out ctfolk.org.

Yale Rep



Set in a remote corner of Africa, *Battle of Black and Dogs* is a politically, sexually, and culturally charged tale of psychological warfare that erupts at an isolated construction compound. When a hired man mysteriously dies, his brother arrives at the compound to collect the body—and the site manager, his fiancé, and an engineer all become embroiled in the cover up of the worker's death.

The haunting thriller by acclaimed French writer Bernard-Marie Koltès is directed by visionary theatre artist Robert Woodruff, whose 2009 production of *Notes from Underground* was hailed as "a brilliantly original work of art" (*The Boston Globe*).

Join friends from First Presbyterian Church for *Battle of Black and Dogs* on Monday, April 19.

Remember this season's tickets are only \$10.00 each. Enjoy a night out in New Haven! A conversation about the play will be held on Sunday, April 25th during the Friendship Hour.

Looking Ahead to May

Walk Against Hunger on May 2. Take a walk around the East Rock Neighborhood while we raise money to eradicate hunger in New Haven. Rona Johnston Gordon and Nancy Rupp are leading a team of walkers from First Presbyterian Church. To pledge support or to sign up to walk, see either Nancy or Rona after worship.

Goody Bag Sunday is May 2nd. Please bring 25 home-baked or store bought treats to fill the goody bags for our college and university students as they begin studying for their final exams.

Youth Led Worship Service on May 9th. The youth of First Presbyterian Church will lead worship on Sunday, May 9th. Come and hear these fresh voices speak of faith.

Eve's Daughters on Monday, May 2. Women of the congregation are invited to attend the May gathering of Eve's Daughters, an interfaith bible study shared with women from Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden, for dinner and bible study on Monday evening, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Mishkan Israel.

Rabbi Herbert Brockman of Congregation Mishkan Israel will be honored at the Howard Nash Breakfast, on Thursday, May 6 at the New Haven Lawn Club from 8:00 -9:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Community Mediation of New Haven. Co-Pastor Bill Goettler will be presenting the award. If you would like to attend please register by calling Community Mediation at 203-782-3504.

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