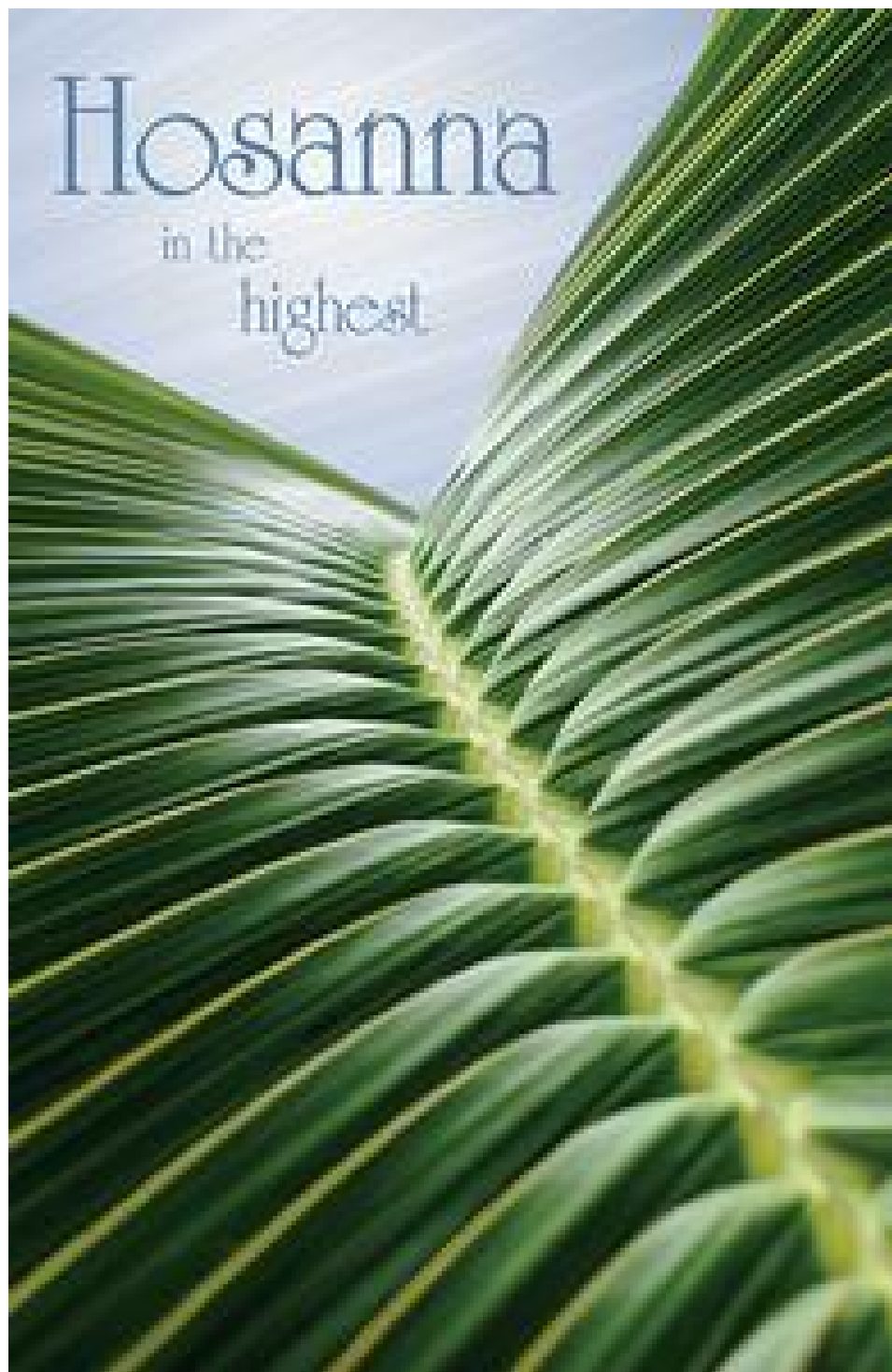


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As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God. In affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ Jesus, we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry. We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13, 2014

10:00am

Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 7-8, and 9-12 go directly downstairs to classes at 10am. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" and then proceed to their workshops downstairs in the main hallway. K-1st in Cooking, 2nd-3rd in Story, and 4th-6th in Science.

PRELUDE

Organ Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
arr. David Schack (b. 1947)

Chime Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus – W.A. Mozart
arr. Sharon Elery Rogers
The Friendly Chime Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Mollerus

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

People: Christ goes with us side by side.

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.

Leader: As we sing, pray, and listen,

People: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

Leader: And may this time of worship,

People: Be for us a constant guide.

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

People: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.

***OPENING HYMN # 216 (NCH) All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

OPENING PRAYER

Tom Mollerus

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, this is sacred space; here we stand on holy ground. When you are among us, we know that we cannot leave unchanged. Move our focus from ourselves to you. Make our motives pure, and when they are not, grant us mercy. We set aside our own agendas to listen and follow where you would lead us. May this hour of worship change us. Embrace us as we pray ...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)

We Are Marching In
The Light Of God

ANTHEM

Ride on, King Jesus
arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 26: 30-35 NT, p. 28

SERMON “From Triumph to Disaster” Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 215 (NCH) Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

MORNING PRAYER

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERTORY

Anthem

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Fauré (1830-1914)

Crosby Goshgarian, bass

**Doxology* **Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN # 222 (NCH)**

My Song Is Love Unknown

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Sweet Savior, Bless Us Ere We Go
Hymn 542 (PH)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

**You are invited to stand.*

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. Please fill out the blue “Welcome” card in the pews to receive weekly emails or newsletters.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like a copy of the sermon, or need a hearing device. Copies of the sermons are also available on the sermon link at www.needhamucc.org, our church website.

Worship Leader: Tom Mollerus

Deacons: Mary Lou Hughes, Tom Mollerus

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Frank Luppino, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

Altar Guild: Mary Barber

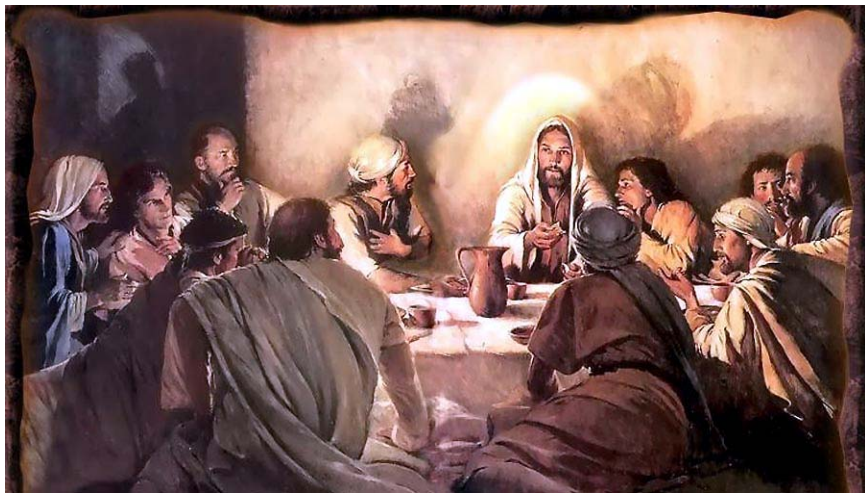
Flowers: Kristin Mollerus

Flower delivery: Joanne Seiden

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Dagenhardt family.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 p.m. Sanctuary



**Join us for a drama in the sanctuary on Thursday at 7 p.m.
People who have come to this service once never miss it again.
It is one of the most meaningful services all year.**

The dramatic re-enactment of the Last Supper and the conversations Jesus had with his disciples will bring this holy week to life.

***Rev. Heike will serve supper in Linden Hall at 6 p.m. All are welcome.
You can reserve for supper by calling 781-444-2510.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education Outreach Event Today!

What does your colored ticket mean? Join today's lunch & learn experiential Hunger event in Linden Hall to find out, and hear from experts about the issue of food insecurity and how we can actively make a difference through Outreach-offered activities this spring. This event will be interesting for all ages!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE- Join us for a drama in the **Sanctuary on Thursday at 7 p.m.** The dramatic re-enactment of the Last Supper and the conversations Jesus had with his disciples will bring this holy week to life. Rev. Heike will serve **supper in Linden Hall at 6 p.m.** All are welcome. You can reserve for supper by calling 781-444-2510.

Calling all Soup Makers – Calling all soup makers for Maundy Thursday Dinner! We will be gathering for a simple soup dinner on the evening of **Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6 pm** in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to contribute a home-made soup for our supper together, please e-mail Rev. Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call 781-444-2510.

Organ Appreciation 101 Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary.

Join the Friendly Society for a fun and light-hearted presentation/performance about and on the organ by Bobby DeRegis, our Director of Music Ministries. Did you know he wears special shoes? What are all those knobs and extra keyboards for? How many pipes does our organ have? How many sounds can an organ make? All those questions and more will no doubt be answered. And we have refreshments, too! Contact: Joanne Seiden (781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com)

Men's Breakfast, Sunday April 27 [Note change of date due to

Easter]. The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together once a month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We get together in the Library on the third Sunday of the month and enjoy breakfast fare provided by volunteers. We have always welcomed men of all ages and can always accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion. On April 27, we will address the April worship theme of "Transformation" by discussing how we use our Christian faith in the 21st century to address changes in our lives and those of others. Contact Keith McClelland (kmmlkm@rcn.com) for more information.

Outreach: Church-wide Hunger Relief Events - As follow-up to today's Hunger lunch & learn, a series of opportunities have been coordinated for you by the Outreach Committee to learn more about the issue of hunger and to actively make a difference. Activities are appropriate for all ages - there's something for everyone!

***Movie Night.** The award-winning PBS film "A Place at the Table" with Jeff Bridges will be shown after service **on Sunday, April 27th**. Follow the journey of food insecurity and the serious implications that hunger poses in America.

*** Volunteer opportunity:** A 2nd annual volunteer effort at Pilgrim Church in Dorchester is planned for **Saturday, May 3**. Families (ages 8+) and individuals will carpool to Pilgrim Church to help prepare and serve a free mid-day meal to in-need members of the community. Please sign up near Heike's office.

*** Can drive:** Over the course of May, this year's Confirmation Class will be leading a can drive ending on **Youth Sunday, June 1st**, as food pantries are most in-need of donations during non-holiday periods. Please help add to the collection boxes!

Gabriel Fauré's Requiem- Our Chancel Choir will be performing Gabriel Fauré's Requiem with the Canton Choral Society on **Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00PM at the Congregational Church**. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some beautiful choral music.

EASTER PLANT DONATIONS – Please consider making a donation this Easter season to the Flower Fund in honor of loved ones. We are grateful for the flowers/plants that decorate our church and will acknowledge your generous offering in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Unless you indicate otherwise, the flowers/plants that are used will be offered to our chancel choir to take home after the service as a symbol of appreciation for their gift of music. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the church office at office@needhamucc.org to make a donation today or fill out an Easter Flower donation envelope in the Narthex.

Evaluations- The Board and Deacons are conducting a Church and Minister Evaluation in order to help us evaluate the effectiveness of the church and its ministers and hear about areas where we and they can grow. You are invited to fill out a survey in paper or electronic format. A link to the electronic version will come to you via e-mail. The e-mail may come to a household, but we invite all adult household members to respond individually.

The URL is <http://bit.ly/nucc2014survey>. The paper version will be available in church from March 30 through April 13. We ask that you

respond by April 15. For paper responses, there will be a box in the Kimball Room (off the Narthex) on Sundays and in the church office during the week for your responses. Thank you for your thoughtful participation. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to Frank Lupino, Fabienne Madsen, Carol Oberle, Mike Yeh or Jackie Allen.

Easter Egg Candy Needed- The Youth Groups are in the midst of planning their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20th at 10am. We are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy with NO NUTS (No: Reese's, Butterfinger, Payday, Almond Joy, Snickers, etc.) Please drop off candy in the box outside of **Rev. Jaime's office by April 13th**. Thanks!

Bible Study - Sunday Group- Join us in the Reception Room at 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information- dormouse99@gmail.com.

Thursday 10:30am Group- Contact Christine Weitzel for information cweitzel@verizon.net

CALENDAR for April 13th – April 25th

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| Sunday April 13th | 9:00 am | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| | | Friendly Chime Ringers, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| | 9:15 am | Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| | 10:00 am | Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| | 11:30 am | Capital Campaign Q&A, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| | | Outreach Program – Hunger, <i>Linden Hall</i> |
| | | Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| | | Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Music Office</i> |
| | 11:45 am | Chancel Choir Concert Rehearsal, <i>Chr Rm</i> |
| 12:00 pm | Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Music Office</i> | |
| 5:00 pm | JH Youth Group | |
| 7:00 pm | SR Youth Group | |
| Monday April 14th | 9:00 am | Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> |
| | 6:00 pm | Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i> |
| Wednesday, April 16th | 7:00 pm | Outreach Meeting, <i>Library</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| Thursday April 17th | 6:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> |
| | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| | *7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| Saturday April 19th | 9:30 am | Easter Flower - Decorating Committee |
| Sunday April 20th | 8:15 am | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| | 9:00 am | Easter Worship 1 st Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| | 10:00 am | Easter Egg Hunt All Children |
| | 11:15 am | Easter Worship 2 nd Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| Monday April 21st | | Office Closed! |
| | 7:30 pm | Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i> |
| Tuesday April 22nd | 8:30 am | Vacation Bible School |
| Wednesday April 23rd | 8:30 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | 7:30 pm | Organ Appreciation 101, <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| Thursday April 24th | 8:30 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| Friday April 25th | 8:30 am | Vacation Bible School |

** Chancel Choir Rehearsal following Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary.*