



the good news is...
inspiring us to act



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Nursery childcare is now available for infants and toddlers.
Families are welcome to head to the CE Building at any time during the service.

For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections

We took the kids to the beach, a herd of children lathered in sunscreen. We spent most of the day building sandcastles, swimming in the shallows, wiping sand off their eyelashes and noses. Things changed when a small fish washed up on shore. The children saw it first— a little body gasping to survive. They cried out— Quick! We have to save it! We grabbed our buckets. We sprinted to the waterline. We scooped up the dying fish and returned it to the waves. The kids sagged with relief as the fish jolted to life, a tiny resurrection in front of our very eyes. Full of pride, I said to them— You did something good. Today, you saved a life. A seven-year-old with sun-kissed cheeks took the bucket from my hands and said, I'd like to save some more. He spent the afternoon patrolling the waves, hoping to dole out mercy to any shore-washed fish. He carried his bucket around all day, because love inspires love. Love will make you want to patrol the shoreline, sing Hosanna, witness a resurrection, save some more— one bucket of water at a time.

Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Join us in *THE STORY OF HOLY WEEK*

Inspired by Mark 11:1-11, John 13:1-35, Luke 22:66-23:25,1 and Luke 23:33-38, 44-46

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Today our worship takes the shape of a story. Our young people will lead us through the events of Holy Week, from the joyful procession into Jerusalem all the way to the cross. Watch and listen as the story unfolds, and know that the congregation has a role to play too. Grab a palm and join the crowds!

Scene 1: Procession to Jerusalem

Jesus and his disciples arrive in Jerusalem. The crowd (that's us) lines the streets, waving palm branches and shouting Hosanna. Something feels electric, like the world is about to change.

↑ Procession into the Sanctuary

Sing It! Hosanna

Led by Julie Berk & Joyful Noise

Sing it! Hosanna! Sing it! Hosanna! Sing hosanna to our King!
Sing it! Hosanna! Sing it! Hosanna! Sing hosanna! Jesus is our King.

Raise our palm branches. Raise our palm branches. Lay the palms before our King!
Raise our palm branches. Raise our palm branches. Lift them high and celebrate and sign!

↑ Call to Worship

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Leader: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?
Will you lay down something important? Will you shout "Hosanna"?
Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?
Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air?
Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**All: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.
We will worship. We will follow.**

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing.
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

O Promised One of Israel of David's royal line,
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Scene 2: Passover

Jesus gathers his closest friends for one last meal together. He breaks bread, pours wine, and offers a final teaching: *love one another*. But the weight of what's coming is already in the room, and not everyone at the table will stay faithful.

Special Music: Edelweiss

Scene 3: Jesus' Capture

In the garden, Judas leads soldiers and the High Priest Caiaphas to arrest Jesus. When one of the disciples responds with violence, Jesus stops it and heals the very person who was hurt. He is taken away.

Special Music: Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Scene 4: Jesus Before Pilate

Jesus is brought before Pilate, the Roman governor, who must decide his fate. The crowd (including us) will have a voice in what happens next. **Watch for your lines below.**

Pilate: Well then, if you're a king, you need a cloak. Here, take mine, your "highness." You are certainly no threat to the Roman Empire. This looks like a problem for Jews and Galileans, not Rome. Be gone!

*Pilate turns to leave, but the **congregation yells "no."***

Pilate: What, you want me to punish him for *claiming* he's a king?

Fine. I'll flog him for his crime. Are you happy?

Congregation: Crucify him! Crucify him! (Growing louder) CRUCIFY HIM!

Pilate: What, the flogging isn't enough violence for you? You demand more blood?

Congregation: Crucify him! Crucify him! (Growing louder) CRUCIFY HIM!

Pilate: Enough!

The congregation is silenced by the wave of his hand

Special Music: O Sacred Head

The Crucifixion

Pilate hands Jesus over. As Jesus is crucified, the people around him taunt, mourn, and reckon with what they've witnessed. Two voices, one from the crowd and one from a soldier, speak the weight of the moment.

End of Play*

**Children in 1st grade and younger are invited to head to the CE Building for Faith Formation after the play. Older children are welcome to stay for the rest of worship.*

Special Music

American Tune
Paul Simon

Liam Young Skeen, Holly Bogle
C.J. Briggs

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Álvaro Durán

In Unison*

**This beloved prayer, often referred to as the "Lord's Prayer," has been adapted and translated countless times over the centuries. While we've provided two options below, we encourage you to use any version that resonates with you.*

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

LifeMoves provides many services to support homeless families. Families are supported through interim housing communities, childcare, education programs and therapeutic services. The program also provides food, clothing, household necessities, case management and other supportive services to help families return to stable housing and self sufficiency. Support services are also available for single adults to help them get back on their feet.

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In addition to our plate offering, we gratefully accept gifts to our General Fund at any time.

Offertory

Bartok Viola Concerto II. Andante religioso

Liam Young Skeen,
Holly Bogle

↑ Closing Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

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As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ we sing.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

↑ Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Choral Response*

Chancel Choir

**Please remain standing for the choral response*

Postlude

Sonata in d minor
HIF Biber

Holly Bogle & Liam Young Skeen

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Musicians:

Dr. Ondine Young, Director of Music

Julie Berk, Director of Joyful Noise

C.J. Briggs, Resident Organist/Pianist

CCSM Chancel and Joyful Noise Choirs

Guest Musicians: Liam Young Skeen and Holly Bogle- Violin/Viola/Organ/Piano

Musicians may contact ondine@ccsm-ucc.org to join the music ministry

Play Characters in Order of Appearance:

Donkey owner	Mike Harris, Gran'It's teacher
Jesus	Ismael Boigues (6th grade)
Judas	Kiela Ebnetter (7th grade)
Peter	Lucy Occhuito (5th grade)
Caiaphas	Matthew Bunn, Gran'It's teacher
Malchus	Evie Ebnetter (4th grade)
Soldiers	Kallan Ebnetter (6th grade) Johnny Medina (5th grade)
Pilate	Hunter Stoval (11th grade)
Centurion	Grayson Stoval (9th grade)
Stagehand	Jojo Medina (8th grade)
Writer & Director	Rev. Kibbie Ruth

Liturgical Arts volunteers: Alexandra Gillen, Laura Pierce-McKenzie

Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Henton, Robin Person

Joys and Concerns

Prayer connects us in love and care, whether we have specific requests or simply wish to hold someone in God's light. Each week, our pastoral care team holds our congregation's joys and concerns in prayer. To share a request, fill out a connect card in the pew and place it in our offering plate, give it to a minister, or visit ccsm-ucc.org. Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Recent Prayer Requests:

We continue to pray for **Jerry Nugent** as he continues with treatment for lymphoma, and we hold **Nancy Nugent** in prayer, as well. Nancy is in rehab as she recovers from a fall.

We hold **Lauren and Brian Mathews, Nicholas and Lily** in our prayers following the death of Lauren's mother, **Beverly Woodhouse** on Friday, March 13. Lauren shared her mother passed sweetly, surrounded by family.

We surround **Chona Tendero** and **Ruth Dizon** in prayer following the recent passing of Chona's sister, **Tessy**.

Sarah Iya requests prayers for courage, safety, and resilience for **her cousin Amy and family** in Abu Dhabi during the current conflict. Sarah and Vik give thanks for their safe return home after visiting Amy during the first week of missile attacks.

We offer prayers of gratitude that **Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally Hays**, is now recovering following a successful liver transplant on March 10.

Ongoing prayer requests: **Cydra Christensen**, aunt of Rev. Jessica; **Bruce Long**, brother of Warren Long; **Sue Bullis**; **Lindsay**, family member of Genel Morgan; **Heather Morgan**; **Larry Anderson**, friend of Frank Garritano; **Joaquín**, Nadia Hernández father; **Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally**; **John**, Sharon Tobin's son; **Renato Floresca**; **Lynne and Peter**, friends of Lynn Nieberding; Chona Tendero's friend, **Feljohn Rancap**; **Aprille Espinuevas**, friend of Robert and Johann Leung; **Lani Leydig**; **Cheryl Granucci**; Allison Rock and Chris Wuthmann's friend, **Karen**; **Veril Phillips and Bev Knowlton**; **Mike and Lee Mullery**; **George Vail**; **Dottie Scott**; **Caroline Reinke**

Bulletin Board

If you wish to have an announcement added to the "Bulletin Board," please email Kim Rey at kim@ccsm-ucc.org

Traditional Spanish Service, TODAY, 4 - 5pm: Join us at 4:00 PM for Lenten worship in Spanish, featuring music by **Ria Carval**. English interpretation is available via the Interprify app. Stick around after the service for cafecito and community in the Fireplace Room!

Sunday Faith Formation (4 - 5pm, all ages) & Youth Group (5:30 - 6:30pm, 6th-12th grades) TODAY and every Sunday: Sunday evening Faith Formation offers "Sunday school" lessons through creative activities, art, and storytelling. Supper is provided at 5pm with fun youth group activities and connection for 6th thru 12th graders.

Jericho Road's "March for Hope" is collecting new and gently used footwear and new socks for our Samaritan House Meal Service guests between March 15 and March 29. We are looking for new or gently used sturdy sneakers, walking shoes, and work boots (Adult sizes only), and socks (new, durable athletic or work socks.. Place items in the collection bin located in the Narthex. Cash donations are welcome and will be collected during Happy Coffee Hour in Kloss Hall or via the church app under "Jericho Road"



Join the CCSM Action Network! Want to see how we show up in the world with compassion, courage, and solidarity? Scan the QR code below to receive timely invitations to vigils, rallies, marches, and community gatherings where your faithful presence matters.

CCSM & YOU: New Member Lunch, Sunday, June 7, 12:00–2:00 pm • Whether you're new to CCSM or have been around a while, come learn more about our church, explore ways to get involved, and explore why membership might be the right step for you. No pressure, just connection and conversation! Contact Alison Schwandt to learn more or RSVP, alisonschwandt@gmail.com —we'd love to welcome you more fully into the life of our church!



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Holy Week at CCSM



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 29, 10:30am, Front Lawn/ Sanctuary

Processional of palms from the front lawn, JR the donkey returns, music by our choirs & special guests, and a Holy Week play led by our youth.

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Sunday, March 29, 4:00-5:00pm, Sanctuary

Spanish Lenten Service (Sundays, 4 PM): Translation available, with coffee and treats to follow in the Fireplace Room. Special music by Ria Carval.

SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN BILINGÜE

Wednesday, April 1, 7:15-8:45pm, Kloss Hall and Buckham Room

Join us this Holy Week to make a traditional alfombra, followed by a community potluck meal.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2, 7:00-8:00pm, Congregational Church of the Peninsula

Experience combined choirs, strings, communion, and a hand-washing ritual at our shared UCC Holy Week service.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3, 7:00-8:15pm, CCSM Sanctuary and Online

A Good Friday service for a war-torn world. Seven faith leaders from across our community reflect on the last words of Jesus — words of forgiveness, grace, and love. Combined choirs, strings, and candlelight. Coffee hour to follow; childcare provided.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 4, 7:00-8:15pm, College Heights UCC

Experience an imaginative recreation of the first Great Vigil with Mary Magdalene. We will hear her story, share in anointing and communion, and conclude with Taizé-style vigil—holding space at the tomb in the unknowing of Easter morning.

Easter Sunday

SUNRISE WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5, 6:30-7:30am, Memorial Garden

Gather at sunrise with Revs. Jessica and Álvaro, just as the women did on that first Easter. We'll share the resurrection story, communion, and music led by Ondine Young and C.J. Briggs. Coffee and tea provided for the chilly morning.

TRADITIONAL EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am, Sanctuary

The good news is alive, and it is wild in the world. Join us to celebrate the resurrection — greater than any tyrant, stronger than any death. Featuring music from the Albany Consort and a closing Hallelujah Chorus led by the CCSM choir.

YOUTH EASTER FESTIVAL

10:45-11:30am, Buckham Room

Children and youth are invited to celebrate the joy of the resurrection story through hands-on fun, creativity, and connection! They will rotate through a variety of engaging activity stations, enjoy a game or two, and take part in meaningful Easter themed experiences designed to bring the story to life in a fun and memorable way.

EASTER EGG HUNT

11:35am, Front Lawn

Children and Youth are invited to join the CYF ministry for our traditional Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship.

CELEBRACIÓN DE PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN

4:00-5:00pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a joyful celebration of the Good News of Easter in Spanish, followed by a delicious shared meal. Christ is alive: working, healing and loving in the world today.

(No Youth Group on Easter)

Calendar visit [CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS](https://ccsm-ucc.org/events) for the full calendar of events and meetings

Note: The church will be closed on Monday, April 6.

Sunday, March 29

9:15 - 10:00 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal , Sanctuary
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal , Fireplace Room
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)
10:45 - 11:30 AM	Children & Youth Faith Formation , Christian Education (CE) Building
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal , Choir room
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Coffee Hour , Kloss Hall
12:00 - 2:30 PM	Innovation Lab Team Meeting , CE Building
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Faith Formation , CE Building
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Servicio Tradicional Espanol , Sanctuary and Fireplace Room
5:00 - 5:30 PM	CYF Supper , CE Building
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Youth Group (6-12th grade)

Monday, March 30

4:00 - 6:00 PM	Samaritan House Meal Service today
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Tuesday, March 31

10:00 - 11:00 AM	Men's Coffee Group , Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Samaritan House Meal Service , Kloss Hall

Wednesday, April 1

4:00 - 6:00 PM	Samaritan House Meal Service , Kloss Hall
7:00 - 8:45 PM	Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service , Kloss Hall
7:30-9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Special rehearsal , Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2

10:15 - 11:30 AM	Women's Coffee Group , Fireplace Room
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Samaritan House Meal Service , Kloss Hall
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Maudy Thursday Worship Service (off site), Congregational Church of the Peninsula

Friday, April 3

4:00 - 6:00 PM
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
Good Friday Worship Service, CCSM sanctuary, Coffee in Kloss Hall after service

Saturday, April 4

8:30 - 10:30 AM
7:00 - 8:30 PM

CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
Holy Saturday Worship Service (off site), College Heights Church

Sunday, April 5

6:30- 7:30 AM
9:15 - 10:00 AM
10:30 - 11:30 AM
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10:45 - 11:30 AM
11:30 - 12:30 PM
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Youth Easter Festival, Buckham
Children & Youth Faith Formation, CE Building
Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Front Lawn
Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
CYF Faith Formation (Childcare, Children and Youth), CE Building
Servicio Tradicional Espanol, Sanctuary/Fireplace Room



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