



## WELCOME ~ APRIL 13, 2025

*We are glad you've joined us for worship today. If you are visiting with us today may you discover a friendly church, a safe haven where you will be loved and accepted; where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask questions, and grow in your faith. May The First Congregational Church, Canton Center help you find God's compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy in our worship service and where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries. We hope to get to know you as a new friend and invite you to fill out a visitor card. No matter who you are, or where you are in your journey, you are welcome here.*

**Palm Sunday Potluck**- Please join us this morning for our Annual Palm Sunday Pot Luck Dinner.

**"Happy Wanderers"** You are welcome to join us on a hike today after the Pot Luck.

**April Missions Box Collection**- is change for **Holy Joe's Café**. In 2006, members of The First Congregational Church in Wallingford started Holy Joe's Café to support chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan by providing coffee to serve the troops. Holy Joe's Café has grown since then and currently ships coffee and supplies to hundreds of military locations. Our church has supported Holy Joe's for a number of years by collecting change (and bills), often during Lent. Maybe you have some change hanging around your house, or maybe you want to think about contributing the equivalent of your daily cup of coffee. You can save your money in the cup we'll provide or another container of your choice. Checks, paper money, and change are all acceptable for donation. **We will have a jar for contributions on the small table at the front of the sanctuary.** Please be generous to support our troops.

**Second Hour**- On April 27 after worship, there will be a Second Hour regarding the Pastoral Search.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

**April 17 ~ 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday**  
*Service of Communion and Tenebrae*

**April 18 ~ 12-3 pm Good Friday**  
*Sanctuary open for personal meditation*

**April 20 ~ 10 am Easter Sunday**

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice. Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church, we strive to build a community that serves all.*

*An Open and Affirming Church*

### **Prayers for:**

*The family and friends of Eleanor Smith (long term member) who passed away on Wednesday, April 9.*

*Gina Magennis' family and her brother Humberto's family, as they grieve his loss. Humberto passed away peacefully with his family and 6 grandchildren by his side.*

*Continued blessings with religious freedom.*

*Geri Bunnell's cousin, Pat Santoro, and her family on the death of her husband Jay who was a wonderful husband and father.*

*For the people displaced by the fire at River Run Condos in New Hartford. (Linda McAllister)*

### **Joys for:**

*The hundreds of thousands of people that stood up for our democracy and our rights across the country this weekend. (Marianne Burbank)*

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Kurt Satherlie

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Deacons:** Beth Lingenheld & Paul Stansel

**Greeters:** Alexee Raymond & Ashlynn Glinsman

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Jody Swan

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMatt

**Trustees:** Don Scott & Julius Ziemba

Sunday 13	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Worship 10:00 am Potluck Dinner	Choir 4:30 pm Trustee 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Council 7 pm ACA 7 pm	Choir 5:30 pm <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:30 pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Sanctuary Open 12-3 pm	AA 11 pm