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The Community Church of Vero Beach



Amy Sands

PALM SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT 4.14.2019

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:30 A.M.

C² SERVICE (COMMUNITY HALL) 10:00 A.M.

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all. We strive to offer Christ's wide welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity.

We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership,

as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.

*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation.

Please refrain from applause during worship until invited.

Families are asked to check-in children Pre-K through $5^{
m th}$ grade in Commotion prior to the start of worship to participate in Sunday school. Commotion will open 15 minutes prior to the start of worship. Children can be checked out in Commotion after worship. Families are always welcome to worship together in the service.

Nursery care available during our C and Sanctuary worship services.

Our services are live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Allegro in D major César Franck

Jill A. Truax, organ

COMMUNITY WORDS

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

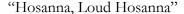
Dr. Casey G. Baggott

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

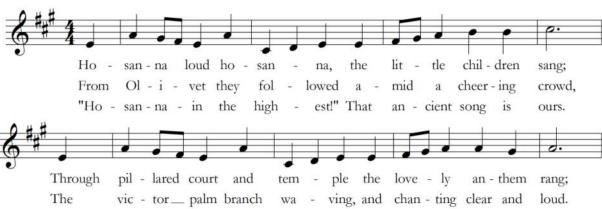
"The King of Glory" arr. Anna Laura Page

Community Ringers

*OPENING HYMN AND ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT



ELLACOMBE



We our - great Re - deem - er and sing - with powers:



"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with - heart and life and voice.



The chil - dren sang their prais sim - plest and es. the the best. dren, slowed down - the don - key's And glad to - see the chil Ho - san - na __ in your sence for - ev - er we'll pres -

*LENTEN LITANY Joyce Smith

One: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Jesus entered the gates of Jerusalem to cries of joy. Crowds waved palm branches and shouted praise.

One: Today we enter Holy Week, with its cycle of life, death, and new life.

All: May Jesus enter the gates of our hearts today as we celebrate his ministry and remember his passion.

One: Sing out Christ's praise with faithful people everywhere! Hosanna, save us, save us! Let us pray.

*Unison Prayer of Discipleship

Christ, your followers across the ages have recognized that puzzles surround you. Hailed as a hero, you were denounced and denied. Called Teacher and Lord, you spoke of yourself as a servant. Your public betrayal came by the intimacy of a kiss. Put to death as a criminal, you rose to honor and glorious new life. As your followers today, keep us alert to possibilities lying beyond the present moment. Remind us of your capacity to change lives and transcend circumstances. Hear in our worship today our praise of you: "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!" Amen.

*LIGHTING OF TWELVE DISCIPLES' CANDLES

Each week during Lent we light two more candles in remembrance of the disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus.

On Maundy Thursday the same twelve candles will be extinguished to represent their desertion and betrayal.

Today we especially remember the disciples Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot.

*PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began; Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David W. Johnson

Reminder (Sanctuary): Families that want their PreK-5th grade children to participate in Sunday school are asked to bring their children to Commotion prior to the start of worship. Children may be brought to the Tabernacle (2nd floor of the Education Building) after worship has begun to join in their class. Children who are in Sunday school may be picked up in Commotion following the service.

Families are always welcome to worship together in the service.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy, Cantor, and Congregation

Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ANDREW MOORE



Cantor and Congregation

One: ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Cantor and Congregation

One: ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Cantor and Congregation

One: ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Cantor and Congregation

RESPONSE

One: May God who commanded light to shine out of darkness enlighten our way today.

All: Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Rev. David W. Johnson

One: God's message finds utterance in our midst.

All: We wait and listen for God's word to us today.

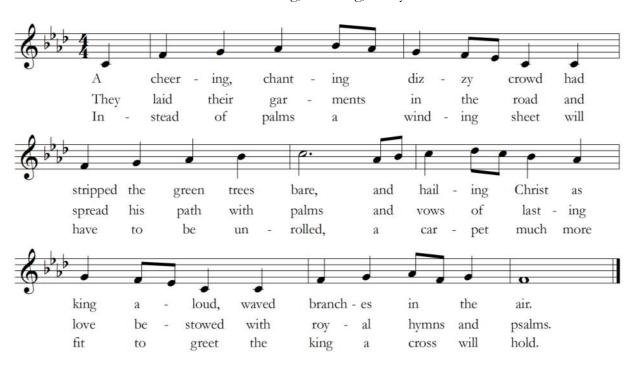
Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSE

One: Rejoice and be glad, for our Messiah comes to us!

All: We lift our voices in praise of the one who comes bringing a reign of peace to stretch from sea to sea.



CALL TO THE GOSPEL Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: Silence in us, O God, any voice but your own.

All: May your Word be proclaimed and received here today.

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately. ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David, [save us, save us]! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

RESPONSE

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

"81, 38, 24, 91, ?" 'save us, save us!' Matthew 21:9b Dr. Robert T. Baggott

Rev. James O'Brien, bass and Chancel Choir

Last night I lay sleeping, There came a dream so fair:

I stood in old Jerusalem, Beside the temple there;
I heard the children singing, And ever as they sang,
Me thought the voice of angels From heav'n in answer rang;
Me thought the voice of angels From heav'n in answer rang.

'Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And then me thought my dream was chang'd,
The streets no longer rang,
Hush'd were the glad Hosannas The little children sang;
The sun grew dark with mystery, The morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill,

As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill

"Jerusalem! Jerusalem!" Hark! how the Angels sing:
"Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King! And once
again the scene was chang'd, New earth there seem'd to be,
I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea;
The light of God was on its streets, The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, Or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away,
It was the new Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forever more!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forever more.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

Joyce Smith

God of the ages, as the crowds of long ago honored Jesus on the road to Jerusalem with waving palms, so today we honor him with praise, and prayer, and gifts. Today and every day, may we demonstrate our willingness to travel his path and to serve him humbly and gladly. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Amen Siakudumisa" Community Ringers

arr. Cathy Moklebust

*DOXOLOGY

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray. O Lord, show us your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

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

All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"O Lord, My Lord" *John Carter*

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH



If you desire anointing and prayer for yourself or a loved one, please meet Sharon Richards, Called to Care Minister, at the Chancel steps following the service today.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

DEACON: Joyce Smith **ACOLYTE:** Duke Thompson

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

William (Bill) G. Curran, Jr. who died on April 6th. A service was held on April 13th. Marvin East who died on April 10th. A service will be held in the Chapel at 11:00 a. m. on April 29th.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...

by Tom Cook in loving memory of his wife, Jan.

by Dr. Jay Edwards in loving memory of his son, Bruce.

by Norman Haag in loving memory of his wife, Rowna and his three sons. by Barbara Sutphen in loving memory of her sons, Bill (and in celebration of his birthday) and Bruce. by the Woodward family in loving memory of Norma Woodward.

Please join us outside Community Hall for refreshments and conversation.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, **EASTER SUNDAY** The sermon "Rummaging the World for Stones that Roll" will be given by Dr. Robert T. Baggott at the 8:30 a.m., the 10:00 a.m., and the 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary services, and E-cast at the 10:00 a.m. C² service in Community Hall. All are welcome.

<u>CALLING ALL GREETERS</u>: A Big Thank You to the Coker family, Richard Dunlop, and Judy and John Gordon for welcoming everyone on Sunday!

<u>LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES</u>: Come join us on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Commotion. Led by Elaine Matthes, we work on balance, flexibility, strength training, and endurance. Call Elaine at 772-469-2309 for more information.

GOT PRAYERS? GOT PRAYERS TO SHARE?: Come join us for prayer at a new time and in a new way. Tuesdays from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Library. We "pray about everything in every way!" Ephesians 6:18.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: Our Senior Minister position is now posted on both the UCC Florida Conference website and on the website of Vanderbloemen, our search firm. Candidates have begun to send resumes and profiles. In addition, our Community Church congregation has also suggested some possible candidates, and Vanderbloemen is contacting them to determine their interest. Based on the results of our congregational survey, experience as a leader in a large church and outstanding preaching skills are key qualifications for our next Senior Minister. It is not too late – if you have a Senior Minister candidate in mind, please pass his or her name along to a member of the search committee. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Announcements...





Honoring or celebrating the memory of a loved one at Easter is an extra special gift to the family. It can also be a lovely gift for the beautification of the Church at this special time of year. Contributing \$22 or more for each pot of Easter lilies in honor of or in memory of loved ones will purchase flowers in thier name to be placed around the church. Please submit your check or cash along with this form. Return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate this Sunday. **Deadline is TODAY.**

I want to give \$	for (quantity) Easter flow	ers for the church:
Name:		_Phone No
□ In memory of or □ In honor of		

MISSION MINISTRY

MISSION WATCH: UNITED AGAINST POVERTY. UP believes that poverty is not permanent, nor are people defined by their circumstances. They seek to inspire and empower people to lift themselves and their families to economic self-sufficiency. United Against Poverty provides crisis care, case management, transformative education, food and household subsidy, employment training, and active referrals to other collaborative social service providers.

GLOBAL PRAYER PARTNER: MEXICO. In Mexico, we are bombarded with negative news. The stories of violence, injustice, and despair that impacts our lives often makes it into the international news. Unfortunately, you won't hear about the woman who returned my nephew's American passport when he accidentally dropped it on the street, or about the campaign in my neighborhood to plant trees and care for a nearby forest reserve that is important in replenishing the aquifer. In Chiapas and in most of Mexico, one does not need to dig too deep to find the tradition of hospitality and a culture of kindness. "Es muy amable." "He/she is very kind." This is a phrase that is often used when speaking appreciatively of someone. "Amable" means two things in Spanish. It means to treat others in a pleasant, courteous, gentle, and respectful way, but it also means to be worthy of being loved or lovable. People here explain, "It is important for us to be known as 'one with a good heart.' Over the centuries, many people have come to our lands and mistreated us, looked down on our way of life, and attacked our dignity. Perhaps it is because people have often not been kind that we so appreciate someone who is. To be 'amable' is a sign that you have been well taught by your parents, family, and community. It means you know how to live rightly with others." Prayer: Gracious and "amable" God, thank you for your kindness that is shown to us in little ways. May we be known for our kindness as well. Amen.

ADULT EDUCATION

<u>BIBLE STUDY:</u> Come to learn about sacred texts of our faith, and to let them speak to us in ways that challenge, affirm, comfort, and support us. Participants enjoy learning with and from one another as they gather to discuss this week's lectionary scripture. All are welcome.

- Women's Bible Study Tuesdays classes are from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The 11:00 a.m. group is held on Wednesdays. Both classes are led by Dr. Casey G. Baggott and meet in Community Hall East. Classes will **NOT** meet this week on Tuesday, April 16th or Wednesday, April 17th and will resume the following week.
- Men's Bible Study Is held on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (donuts and coffee provided) in Community Hall
 East and is led by Dr. Robert T. Baggott. Men's Bible Study will <u>NOT</u> meet on Tuesday, April 16th and
 will resume the following week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

• Monday evening Bible Study: Join us as we learn more about Abraham and Sarah, the mother and father of our faith. Join us on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. The class will be led by Rev. David W. Johnson. There will be **NO** Monday evening Bible Study on Monday, April 22nd.

<u>COMMUNITY@COMMUNITY</u>: We will not meet this week in order to participate in Holy Week activities. Join us next week, April 24th, when we explore various understandings of Jesus' resurrection.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

NURSERY CARE: Today we offer nursery care (infants - 3 year olds) during the C² and Sanctuary worship services. Parents are asked to please bring their children to the 2nd floor of our Education Building prior to service. Infants - 23 months meet in Rm. 221, and toddlers (2-3 year olds) meet in Rm. 222.

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP</u>: Our Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) meets every Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Commotion. You are encouraged to bring friends. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

<u>HS YOUTH</u>: Come make your mom a wonderful present for Mother's Day TODAY after the Bake Sale. Artist Glenda Taylor is coming to work with us on a beautiful project. Bring \$10 and your creativity! Elizabeth will provide snacks.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE: Youth Bake Sale TODAY after all services. We will be selling our famous pecan pies, breads, cookies, and lemon pound cake! Proceeds go towards the Youth Mission trip to Puerto Rico.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Please join us for our annual Community Church Easter Festival on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy balloon twisting, face painting, bounce houses, crafts, games, petting zoo, Easter egg hunt, and a visit from the Easter bunny! We will be accepting non-perishable food items for local food pantries again this year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

ACOLYTE TRAINING APRIL 28TH AFTER 10:00AM SERVICES: An acolyte plays a very important role in worship. Worship officially begins when our acolytes bring the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary, symbolizing Christ's presence with us at worship. The candles remind us that Christ was human and divine. Worship ends with a Sending Forth as the Light of Christ is carried out of the church, and the people follow. This symbolizes our being sent out as lights for Christ in the world. Please meet Doug Johnson in the Narthex of the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on April 28th. If your 3rd-5th grade student is interested in being a part of this ministry and training, please contact the Church Office at (772) 469-2322 or email: charlene.applegate@ccovb.org so we can anticipate handouts.

PANDEMONIUM - ROCK BAND NIGHT: Come and be a rock star for a night as we play Rock Band together. April 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we are getting the band together with guitar, bass, drums, and vocals for a rockin' good time as we pretend to be rock stars. Youth are welcome to dress up in their best rock/pop star attire. Use the link to sign-up, https://bit.ly/2VEtrJP. Questions, contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org.

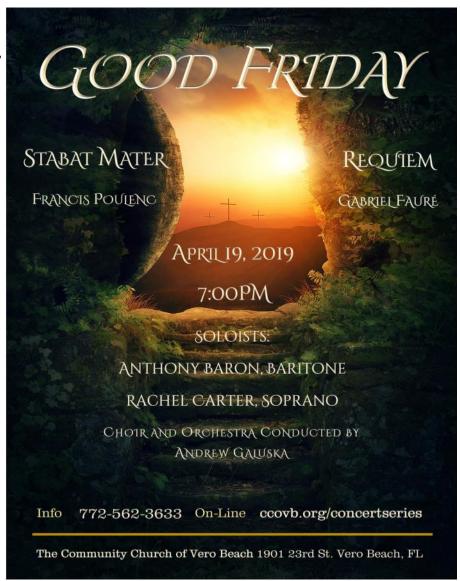
<u>KIDS NIGHT OUT</u>: Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call the Church Office to reserve a spot for your little one. Dinner, games, crafts, and a movie included for \$25 (\$15 each additional child). Proceeds go to the High School Youth mission trip.

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

GOOD FRIDAY STABAT MATER AND

REQUIEM: Please join us on Friday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy the choir, soloists, and orchestra as they present Poulenc's *Stabat Mater* and Fauré's *Requiem*. This glorious music is filled with rich melodies. Join us for the performance of these two highly acclaimed compositions at this sacred time of the Christian calendar.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT We welcome the works of René Guerin arriving in our gallery for Easter Sunday, April 21st. René Guerin is an oil painter and sculptor from Vero Beach. Her paintings are Florida landscapes and seascapes, still lifes, and lively figurative compositions. Her work combines direct observation with imagination and humor. Over forty years of painting experience have given her a unique and easily recognized style. The rich brushwork and palette along with the dynamic, sometimes surprising, compositions make her work distinctive. Her work was purchased by several museums, including the Vero Beach Museum of Art, and is in many corporate and private collections in the United States and Europe. She is represented by several galleries, including M. Maison and Eclectus in Vero Beach.



Please join us for the following activities...

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. David W. Johnson preaching

This solemn service is a commemoration of Jesus' final hours. It will include Communion, Tenebrae, and an optional Labyrinth walk in the Courtyard following the service.

GOOD FRIDAY STABAT MATER AND REQUIEM

Friday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Francis Poulenc's *Stabat Mater* was written in response to the death of his dear friend, painter Christian Jacques Bérard. Fauré's *Requiem* is one of the most regularly performed works of the French repertoire.

Gabriel Fauré composed the piece with a focus on peace, eternal rest, and consolation.

The performance will be feature soprano, Rachel Carter, choir, orchestra, and will be conducted by Andrew Galuska.

EASTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Fun for the family ~ Easter egg hunt, petting zoo, face-painting, balloon twisters, and much more

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 21st

The sermon, entitled "Rummaging the World for Stones that Roll" will be given by Dr. Robert T. Baggott.

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and 10:00 a.m. in C² in Community Hall Come celebrate a glorious Easter morning with the Chancel Choir and Tapestry Brass.

(Child care will be available during our 10:00 a.m. worship services.)