

First Congregational Church of Berlin
Berlin Corners, Vermont
An inclusive, open & affirming church
Pastor Doug Cameron, Guest Preacher
Christopher McWilliams, Music Director

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

April 13, 2025 Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday



WE GATHER TOGETHER

***RINGING OF THE BELL
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

PRELUDE *Loud Hosannas Ring* **FCCB Chime Ringers**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* **FCCB Choir**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: How could we have known during the joyous parade of the fate that awaited Jesus?

P: Would we have shouted as loudly “Hosanna”?

L: He came to bring peace and truth.

P: But others only feared him and sought his removal.

L: Walk with us, Lord, through the gates of Jerusalem today.

P: Walk with us, Lord, through all the Jerusalems that we will face. **AMEN.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

***HYMN** *Filled With Excitement* **NCH #214**

INVOCATION (unison)

Lord of abundant pardon and mercy, be with us this day as we parade through the Jerusalem gates, wanting the reign of God to be established immediately in the hearts of all people. Make us aware that fear and anger are powerful motivators for evil. Open our hearts to the words of Jesus, that we might find courage and healing for all our burdens. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

ANTHEM *Lift High the Palms of Praise*, by Victor C. Johnson **FCCB Choir**

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:14-23, 56 **(Pew Bible p. 857, 858)**

***HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **TWC #209**

MESSAGE *“What Can We Learn From Peter?”* **Pastor Doug Cameron**

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER in song **(TWC #632)**

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, Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Crucifix*, by Samuel Barber **Stuart Williams, bass**

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE TOGETHER

*HYMN *Journey to Gethsemane* NCH #219

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recession on Vexilla Regis*, by Kenneth Lowenberg



The vision of First Congregational Church of Berlin is to be a friendly, inviting spiritual home that practices the deep caring of Jesus within the congregation and in the wider community.

Join Us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101553827>
Meeting ID: 891 0155 3827 Passcode: 1808 1-646-558-8656

Please join us for coffee time following worship this morning, held in the Parish Hall Community Room.

Announcements

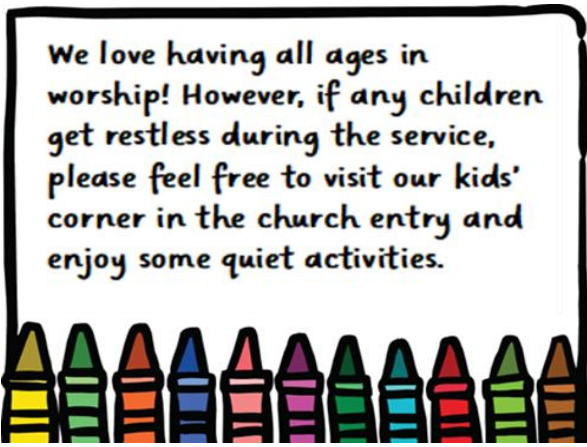
- Choir Rehearsal is Wednesdays 1-2 pm.
- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Ellen's house or on Zoom.
- Saturday, April 19 is our Easter Bake Sale, 10 am – 2 pm; homemade goodies for your special Easter breakfast, brunch or dinner!
- Washington Association of the Vermont UCC meets May 18 at 1pm at the Barre Congregational Church.




Starting April 6th, tickets available for Love Vermont Bag Raffle; see Karen Foote (also available at Easter Bake Sale on April 19)

HOLY WEEK

- Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm, we will meet in the Parish Hall for a service of Tenebrae (led by Pastor Doug Cameron) and a meal of bread and simple soup.
- Easter Sunrise Service, April 20 at 6 am, at Sue Rich's house (575 Hill St. Ext., Berlin); carpooling suggested
- Easter Sunday at 9:30 am, Pastor Doug Cameron will lead worship.
- March 30 to April 13: **One Great Hour of Sharing®** is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Love of Neighbor.




DEACONS FUND
An anonymous monetary collection to financially and confidentially help members of the church and community when emergency needs are made known to a member of the Deacons Fund Committee or the minister. *(see envelope in pew)*



The collection for **April** is **books**; all ages. Must be **NEW**, please!

Please leave donations in designated basket in the Narthex.
Thank you!



FCCB Care Team

A member of First Congregational Church of Berlin's Pastoral Care Team will be happy to connect with you at any time. Call anyone on the list below and one of us will get to you as soon as possible.

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"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." -Psalm 145:18

OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS *A response to the pending discharge of about 90 people in our area from the state motel program recently.*

Local shelters are all completely full. Please ensure items donated are either new or very lightly used, to lessen the work on the Good Samaritan staff who will be distributing them.

Please take the donations to the Good Samaritan Haven Welcome Center, Upper Building, 1571 US Route 302, Berlin and leave them marked for "Osa Busch, Street Outreach" SEE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS ON TABLE IN ENTRANCE/NARTHEX