

# Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES  
NEWS AND EVENTS

*A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All*



# April 2025

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**SERMONS:**

**April 6:** John 12: 1-8 Extravagance  
**April 13:** Luke 9: 28-40 Parade Power  
**April 20:** John 20: 1-18 Joy in the Morning  
**April 27:** Luke 24: 13-35 On the Road Again



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**FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER**

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

***Faithfully Yours***

I love jelly beans. I love Easter baskets. I love stuffed bunnies with ears that flap as the music plays “Do your Ears hang low.” I love baking a lamb cake. I love dying eggs in red and blue and green and yellow and purple.

I love Easter. But not just because of jelly beans and baskets, bunnies and lambs. I love Easter because the joy and the wonder simply can’t be contained. It is as if the whole faithful world can’t stop smiling, can’t stop singing. The darkness of Good Friday is gone.

It saddens me though, that for some people Easter is just jelly beans and Easter baskets and bunnies and lambs. I don’t begrudge anyone such sweet and soft and pastel pleasures. I love seeing little ones hunt for colored eggs that the elusive bunny hid in the house or outside the house...

It’s just that the joy and hope and wonder of Easter is so big and so deep and filled with such promise and hope. For the One we followed a path of mercy and love and justice was betrayed. Arrested. Crucified. We are draped in black on Good Friday as we hear His last words from the cross. And then, on that Sunday, the tomb is empty. Jesus Christ has conquered death.

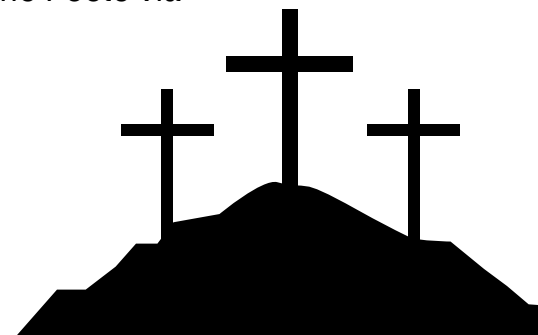
So perhaps this year, we might share the good news of Easter, of Christ’s resurrection. We can open our hearts and speak the words of God’s everlasting love made known to us in the Son of God who conquered death.

Speak up...Shout out...Sing the song of Joy...that Christ the Lord has risen—Christ has risen indeed!

**APRIL 2025 HAPPENINGS**

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** April 8th at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **BE BOLD:** APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- **EASTER EGG HUNT:** April 12 10am-11am in Bower Hall
- **PALM SUNDAY:** April 13 in the Sanctuary
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** April 9th at 11:00am in Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** April 15th at 6:30pm, in Dreier Hall and hybrid
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary
- **GOOD FRIDAY:** April 18<sup>th</sup> 12pm service in the chapel
- **EASTER:** April 20<sup>th</sup> Sunrise service 7am / worship 10:30am in Sanctuary
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 Noon in Dreier Hall
- **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via Zoom

All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at [jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net).







## **HOLY WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE CHIMES**

**Palm Sunday: April 13** In our worship we will hear the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem with waving palms and shouts of Hosanna!

**Brown Bag Bible Study: Tuesday, April 15** (class will be from noon to 1 p.m.). We will study the last days of Jesus in Jerusalem..

**Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae: 7 p.m.** in the sanctuary. After sharing the Lord's Supper we hear the story of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus in gathering darkness...The service ends in silent darkness..

**Good Friday April 18 From noon to 1 pm** there will be a service in the chapel. We will hear the last words of Christ upon the cross with times for silent reflection and prayer.

**Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service 7 a.m.** in the Garden...hear the story of Christ's resurrection as the sun rises. A wonderful way to begin the day.

**Easter Sanctuary Worship 10:30am** Alleluia Christ is Risen! With music and word we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord.





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KIDS CORNER**

Jan Long



Julia will live in our hearts forever. Her legacy of how much of a great person she was will live on and pass on. Amazing people like her that we love and care for, do live forever. And we eternally thank her for her life." (excerpt written by Ricky Parker). Our Sunday school kids wrote sympathy cards for CE Director Julie Keiper's granddaughters and I wanted to share what Ricky wrote. The kids also expressed their feelings in the loss of Julia and Greg Abbot. Our Be Bold youth also met and shared their

feelings and memories. In Matthew 19, the disciples tried to turn the children away but Jesus said let the children come to me. Just as He welcomed the children, we need to welcome the children and let them speak. It was a healing process for all of us.

In honor of Julia we went ahead with our St. Patrick's Day Potluck and Bingo night. We raised over \$700.00 which will be used for the Sunday School and Be Bold group's mission projects and other activities.

As we move into the Easter season, the CE Board will be assisting with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday, April 12.

Jan Long  
Christian Ed. Chair

## **TRUSTEES**

Tony Bliss

Happy Spring! A gentle reminder to please send in your pledge cards if you have not already. We will be having our yearly budget meeting on Sunday, April 6th directly following the 10:30am service. We will hold this meeting in the sanctuary followed by a reception in Hamilton House. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **CHURCH OF THE CHIMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY** **75 FOR THE 75TH**

We are thinking about creating an outreach effort to benefit our neighbors who are in need. The idea being we collectively commit to at least 75 hours of volunteerism to make a positive impact for those who need a helping hand. We can make sack lunches for the North Hollywood

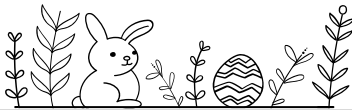
Interfaith Food Pantry, work alongside First Christian Church of North Hollywood who has an outreach in a local park or other outreach efforts that will be suggested. This will be an ongoing project. If you have specific ideas to explore, please contact me.

Blessings, Jane

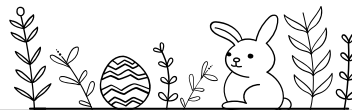


## **PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are creating a new online and printable church pictorial directory and plan to have it ready by mid-May. We are using the Instant Church Directory Program/App which allows each CotC member/friend to have secure online access to be able to view all information, edit their own information and print a directory, if they wish! If you receive an email requesting a photo, please upload one by April 30<sup>th</sup> or let Diane Delaney know if you do not wish to do so.



# APRIL 2025



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