

Broadcaster

March 24, 2010

A Pilgrim's Progress

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on what has become known as Palm Sunday, the mixture of responses to Jesus became polarized. The general population seemed to flock to him and hail him as their friend and savior. Those in the mainstream of the religious establishment saw him as foe and anarchist. Jesus' disciples perceived this polarity before he went to Jerusalem although they had been obtuse to much that he had said in their presence. Some of them urged him not to go to Jerusalem. They were convinced that it would be suicide to go to Jerusalem, but Jesus would not be dissuaded. The Gospel accounts of Jesus' arrival in the city clearly portray what a day and week of conflict this was.

It was centuries after Jesus' life that the day became identified as Palm Sunday. Its roots reach back to the Sunday when Jesus walked triumphantly into Jerusalem and the crowds crushed in around him with excitement. Jesus had become a popular teacher. The people were in a festive, celebrative mood and they focused much of that energy on Jesus as he entered the city.

The events in Jesus' life did not develop significant importance until many years after Jesus died. Most did not take on importance until around the third century; nearly two hundred years after Jesus lived. The commemoration of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem occurred in the fourth century. Large numbers of people would gather at the Mount of Olives and sit in traditional place supposedly where Jesus had ascended. Late in the afternoon they went home carrying palm branches and singing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The earliest mention of Palm Sunday observance in the Western Church is in the seventh century in Gaul, present day France. Processional services on Palm Sunday did not take place until the ninth century.

Many congregations meet in church yards on Palm Sunday and all process into the Sanctuary to worship.

On Palm Sunday the choir will process in to begin our worship with the children leading the choir during the 10:30 a.m. service. Palms will be provided for all who want them. The palms remind us of this day and focus our attention on the events of the last Sunday of Jesus' life. Worship on Palm Sunday is intense as it begins in celebration and ends anticipating the tragic end to Jesus' life. I look forward to seeing you in worship on Palm Sunday.

Howard

Taize Service

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Spend some quiet time in the Sanctuary this Lenten season as we pray, meditate, light a candle, and sing together. Refresh your spiritual life.

Meditation in the Chapel Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Labyrinth, A Spiritual Walk

Spiritual Relevance for Today: Walking the Labyrinth is a personal journey or pilgrimage. The single pathway that leads you to the center and out again enables you to free your mind from mundane thoughts and concentrate on the sacred. Your walk, pace, and personal experience are all your own.

When will I be able to participate in the Labyrinth experience?

You are invited to walk the labyrinth at GCC in the Mayflower room on your choice of dates and times:

Palm Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Monday, March 29 & Tuesday, March 30
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(sponsored by the Pastoral Care Board)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MARCH 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 22:1-8, Matthew 27:45-46

Sermon:

"Forsaken"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 1, 2010

Maundy Thursday

Communion

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Meditation:

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

APRIL 2, 2010

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation.

7:30 p.m. Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

Meditation:

"A Tragic Death"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 4, 2010 EASTER

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

*Bells & Chancel Choir
at both services*

Scripture:

John 11:17-27, John 20:1-10

Sermon:

"God said, 'No'"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Help Share the Joy of Easter!

You can help share the joy of Easter by delivering an Easter Lily to someone who is unable to enjoy these plants in person. We need many people to sign up and help with this wonderful Easter tradition. The lilies may be picked up after the 11:00 AM service on Easter morning. To volunteer, please call Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595 or Carolyn Keller at 847-577-5115.

SIGN CHI DO

The Art of Moving Prayer

Come join us for a **FREE** new program being offered in April by Joann Kress, RN and Bachelor completion student with NIU. Sign Chi Do is a unique, spiritual-based program that combines deep breathing, tai chi type movement, sign language and prayer to promote total body health and wellness. People with all levels of physical abilities can participate!

All classes will be held in room 201 and preceded with a short discussion on the affects of stress on our health. Contact Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 x 30 for more details.

Dates and Times:

Tuesday, April 13 & 27
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20 & 27
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adult Education Seminar

IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 A.M.

March 28

THE FIRST PAUL

Join Tom and Karen Aldrich on March 28 for the second part of their discussion of Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's enlightening book on the apostle Paul. Subtitled *"Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon."* THE FIRST PAUL explores Paul's socially conscious liberal theology for First Century Christians. Through pictures and stories, Tom and Karen will share their May 2009 pilgrimage to Turkey with Borg and Crossan, as well as present the authors' vision of what Paul has to say to Christians today.



Celebrate the Magic of Hands Of Peace

Hands of Peace is an interfaith organization developing peace-building and leadership skills in Israeli, Palestinian, and American teens through the power of dialogue and personal relationships.

Please join us for our **First Annual Gala** on Saturday, April 24, 2010

REZA'S RESTAURANT

432 W. Ontario, Chicago Il.
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

*Magic by James Sanden
dinner & dessert followed by
stand up comedy and stimulating conversation*

Featuring Ray Hanania, a Palestinian member of the Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour and an award winning veteran journalist.

Order your tickets now on line at
<http://www.hands-of-peace.org>

For more information call Lisa Fisher (847) 615-9296 or Karen Boton (847) 945-1553.

Bella Voce

March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Bella Voce, conducted by Andrew Lewis along with Chicago's renowned violinist, Rachel Barton Pines, will present Monteverdi's *Vespro della Beata Vergine*. The Callipygian Players, will also share in the presentation.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bellavoce.org or by calling (312) 479-1096.

\$35 Premium seating
\$28 General
\$15 Student

This is part of the Simple Gifts series.

Professor Harris Saunders from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an expert in 17 century opera, will present a free pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Founders room.

GCC CAREER NETWORK GROUP

MONDAY, MARCH 29 @ 12:00 P.M.

Top Secret Executive Resumes

Presented by Steven Provenzano, author of Top Secret Executive Resumes, Top Secret Resumes & Cover Letters, and is President of Executive Career Services & Desk Top Publishing, Inc.

Energize and clarify your job search; improve and add impact to your resume. Steven Provenzano will emphasize marketing your skills and talents to win job interviews and increase your career potential. He will also provide personal feedback on resumes.

Contact Alek Jablonski at 847-922-6870/ajablonski03@hotmail.com or Rev. Pam Keckler 847-724-2210 x24/pam.keckler@gccucc.org for more information.



Spring is just around the corner so it's time to start thinking about your garden! Order forms for the annual Women's Association Plant Sale are now available at church and online at www.gccucc.org. A wide variety of high quality plants are available.

Deadline for order:
Easter Sunday, April 18
Pickup/Delivery *
Saturday, May 15
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please give June Massay (729-0021) or Jill Ruter (729-2368) a call if you have any questions.

As always, the proceeds from this event will be used to beautify the church grounds.

Notice for the Ministerial & Lay Leadership Institute Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS)

APRIL 13 & 14, 2010

Come and participate in the Ministerial & Lay Leadership Institute at Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS). CTS is the regional seminary for the United Church of Christ and has a long partnership with GCC. Participate, learn, and be renewed by the opportunities that this event offers including workshops, worship, and communication with other attendees. Brochures and other information are on the GCC missions bulletin board, on the CTS web site (www.ctschicago.edu) or email Tracy Sawires (esnstsms@hotmail.com) to receive information via email.

Offered for one or two day attendance, the Institute offers a wide selection of workshops including:

Enhancing Congregational Pastoral Care
Breaking the Cycle of Clergy and Congregational Burnout
Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony
Leading Worship: A Workshop for Lay Leaders
Restoring Mission: Accompaniment and Congregational Renewal
Your Faith and Your Finances: Joining God's Witness Protection Program
Creative Worship and New Media Strategies
Demystifying the Process: an Information Panel about Search and Call
Inspiring Generosity and Stewardship

Breakfast with a Musical

Sunday, April 18 @ 8:00 a.m. – Noon
Sponsored by Resource Development Committee (RDC) supporting GCC programs through faith, fellowship & fun!

Our 7th Grade Confirmation Class and the GCC Men's Ministry will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday April 18.

For \$5, you receive sausage, a beverage and all the pancakes you can eat. Breakfast will be served before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. performance of "Rescue in the Night" brought to you by Voices of GCC.

ATTENTION

ALL WHO USE THE GCC GYM CLOSET
The Inspector from the Village of Glenview completed a bi-annual review on March 15, 2010 of the Glenview Community Church Nursery School. Upon inspection of the Gym, she found and documented the following on the inspection report:

The Gym closet is a shared closet – all items are found on the floor, closet was unlocked. Posted policy for clean up and storage is not being followed. Posted policy states that this is a community responsibility to clean-up and for storage. Please follow.

All groups who use the closet for storage of equipment please take responsibility to clean and store equipment as stated in the posted policy.

Palm Sunday, 3-28

Three year old through fourth grade Sunday school students will assemble in the Narthex for a Palm Sunday processional into the Sanctuary. Afterwards, three year olds will dismiss to their regular class. Four year olds through fourth graders will meet in Room 201 for the Story of Holy Week as performed by the fifth grade. Sixth graders are invited to join us or remain in worship with their parents. All children will be dismissed from their usual location at the end of the hour.

Sunday school classes will not be in session on Easter Sunday so that children may worship with their parents. Two services will be held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Confirmation

MARCH 28 AND APRIL 4
No classes

Regular classes begin again **April 11**. All service projects and worship reflections are also due April 11.

Thanks to all who have supported the 8th grade's Project 1500. We have surpassed our goal and will be sharing a report in April.

Resale Shop Notices

The Resale Shop will be closed Easter week, Wednesday, March 31 through Saturday, April 3. We will reopen on Wednesday, April 7. The last day for consignments will be April 10.

PYF April & May

April 9-10

Lock – In:

Information has been sent home. If you have not received it please let Elizabeth know.

April 11

No PYF due to Lock In

April 18

Service to the Church: This year we will be helping the church with a much needed project; Cleaning out MaGee's Closet (a catch all storage closet). We will need a few parents as well as many youth to help sort, pitch and toss. A Grande Prize will be awarded for best "treasure" found. We will also have a Wii tournament.

April 25

Small Group: Destiny. We will create the year and make a tool kit to use to help keep us on track. Please RSVP, it will be helpful so enough supplies can be purchased.

May 2

Boat Ride and Navy Pier: Join us for this fun trip to the city. We will be taking the train downtown and taking the boat to and from Navy Pier. We will leave at 1:00 p.m. and return at 6:15 p.m.

PYF Work Camp Stock Sales

Fifteen PYF youth and four adults will be traveling to Booneville Arkansas in June to participate in Youthworks work camp. The group will spend time working with children at Kids Club and doing house painting and home improvements for local community members. The youth will also have the opportunity to get to know some other youth groups from around the country and learn about local culture. To support this faith building mission experience, you may purchase stock for \$10 a share at the coffee hour on April 11, or by mailing or dropping off a donation at Church C/O Elizabeth Ciccolini. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

**The return value
of PYF stock is
UP
time to buy is
NOW!**

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Monday - Friday
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Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*
Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thu 3-25	9:00 am 12:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Bell Choir, Bell Rm Troop 156 Patrol Leaders, Parlor & Founders Rm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	Mon 3-29	9:30 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Finding My Spirit, Library Meditation & Prayer, Chapel GCC Networking, Plymouth Rm (4- 9) Walk the Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm Pray Group, Rm 5
Fri 3-26	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 6:45 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Pray Group, Rm 5 Resale Shop Mtg., Parlor Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Bella Voce Rehearsal, Sanctuary AA, Parlor	Tue 3-30	12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Meditation & Prayer, Chapel (4- 9) Walk the Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm
Sat 3-27	9:00 am 9:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Men's Open Gym, Gym Pre-concert Lecture, Founders Rm Bella Voce, Sanctuary (tickets required)	Wed 3-31	12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Meditation & Prayer, Chapel (4- 9) Walk the Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm
Sun 3-28	8:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Fellowship Hour, Plymouth Rm Adult Education, Chapel Worship Service, Sanctuary Fellowship Hour, Plymouth Rm Walk the Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm			

**Resale Shop will be closed
until April 7, 2010.**

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org