

Celebrations and Prayers

Please Help Us Celebrate:

Milestone birthdays, anniversaries or other celebratory events. Let us know and we'll post yours here:

- The dedication, 63 years ago, of our magnificent sanctuary **pipe organ**.
- The birth of **Audra Johanna Chervin** on March 28, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. Parents are **Nancy and Chris Chervin** and maternal grandparents are **Pam and Tom Meaker**.
- **Phyllis Atherton** for her 93rd birthday on March 29, 2017.

This Week We Hold in Prayer:

- **Jim Inman**, who died on April 4, 2017 and his wife **Diana and family**.
- **Miles Scully**, who will be having knee replacement surgery.
- **Barbara Backus McKorkle**, mother of **Rob Backus**, recovering in rehab from a fractured hip.
- Family of **Ruth M. Copp**, who died on March 19, 2017.
- **Helen Lee**, the late **Rev. Bob Lee's** mother and mother-in-law to **Donna Lee**, died on March 10, 2017 in North Carolina. There will be a memorial service in the spring.
- **Donna Lee's** niece, **Michelle**, who is battling cancer.

We continue to hold in prayer:

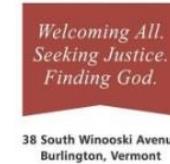
Phyllis Atherton, Carol Morse, Betty Moser, Fred and Joan Krech, Debbie Payea, Jean Vaubourg, Barbara Backus McCorkle, Carol Beams, Leslie Green, Ruth O. Copp, June Southall, Cheyenne LaPierre, Nicolle LaPierre, Dorothy Winward, Lois Riggs

If you wish to request prayers, please complete a blue prayer card. Prayer requests are included on our Prayer Tree and Worship Bulletin, unless other specific instructions are written. Prayers will be listed for 4 weeks.

Please Note: *If you would like to add someone other than yourself, we must know you have that person's permission.*



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April 9, 2017 ~ Palm Sunday

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J.S.Bach

Candle Lighting We light the candle as a symbol of Christ's light in our midst. As we bring in the light, we symbolize Christ's entry of light into our worship. As we take out the light, we symbolize Christ's light leading us out into the world.

Welcome

Rev. Carrie Bail & Rev. Sally May

***Passing of the Peace**

Choral Introit (10:00 a.m.) *Filled with Excitement* R.R.Avilà

Distribution of Palms & Call to Worship Psalm 118

***Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **213 NCH**

Scripture *The Triumphal Entry* Matthew 21:1-11 (p. 855)

Word of God for All Ages

Scripture *Turning of the Tables* Matthew 21:12-17 (p. 855)

Reflection

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy One, we come in prayer seeking forgiveness, healing, and wholeness. During this Holy Week, may we recognize when we have cheered for Jesus one day and lived as if he never existed on another day. When our hearts and spirits break may your healing love offer us new life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Prayer of Response *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (vs.1) **216 NCH**

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosanas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

Scripture *The Plot to Kill Jesus* Matthew 26:1-5 (p. 861)

Reflection

Hymn (*please remain seated*) *Ah Holy Jesus* **#163 PH**

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who 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.

Prayer Response (10:00 a.m.) *Amen* Threefold form

Scripture *Woman Anointing Jesus* Matthew 26:6-13 (p. 861)

Reflection

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

(8:00 a.m.) *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

(10:00 a.m.) *A Lenten Introspection: Stricken, Smitten & Afflicted*
arr. M. Compton

***Offertory Response** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* (vs. 1) **NCH 563**

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hand receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Precious God, we dedicate our gifts to the love you offer the world.
Grant that our offerings be acceptable to you as we offer our
building, our treasure, ourselves as we strive to honor the life and
teachings of Jesus in our own lives and as a Body of Christ. Amen.

Scripture *The Plan to Betray Jesus* Matthew 26:14-16 (p. 861)

Reflection

Anthem *Were You There?* African American Spiritual

Closing Reflection

***Hymn** *What Wondrous Love is This* **223 NCH**

***Bidding to Mission and Benediction**

Postlude (10:00 a.m.) *Festivals* Gordon Young

*Please stand as you are able.