

The Congregational Church of Rupert 1786

April 10, 2022



An Open and Affirming Church

Mission of the Congregational Church of Rupert

The mission of CCR is to seek to follow Jesus' teachings in his Sermon on the Mount, and to practice the words of Micah by living justly, by being kind and compassionate while walking with God in all humility

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signifies you should stand if you are able, **bold signifies congregation speaks in unison.*

Thoughts for Meditation:

The problem of the world is that we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

~ Mother Theresa

Prelude

Kevin Bishop, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O Give thanks to the Lord for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Hymn # 84(NCH/Black) This Is the Day**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Responsive Reading)

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21-23 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24,25 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

118:26-28 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

118:29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Silence

Time with Children

***HYMN # 216 (NCH) All Glory Laud and Honor**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of the world and those in need.

The Lord Be with you,

And also with you.

Let us Pray

Please keep the following in prayer (In your mercy. Lord, hear our prayer):

Ellen, Dodi, Elizabeth, John, Jack, Kinsley, Clary, Dan H., Loretta R., Nicole & Ethan Croff, Donna & Axel, Marietta, Jennie & Jeff Gould, Chuck Gaiotti, Harry Tveter, Eva Marchand, Lu F., Norma & Joe Will, Gwen, Sue and Rod, Evan L., Diane L., Cheri, Don Lewis, Rhonda, Jessi Webb & Glenn LaPlante, Willie Steel, Jane & John LoBrutto, Brian, Elizabeth L., Changwa & Sam Koo, Bob Ebling, Karen and Jim E., Kelly and Family, Setsu & Alex Carter. The people of Ukraine. The people of Yemen. We pray for the end of wars. We pray for those travelling, We pray for the successful completion of our most recent grant application.

Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, Ye Heavenly Host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

(Tune: Old Hundredth from "Genevan Psalter", 1551)

Dedication

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

***Hymn: # 215 (NCH/Black) Ride On! Ride On, In Majesty! (verse 1,2)**

Message The Paradox of Palm Sunday Rev. Dr. Steve Berry

***Hymn: # 215 (NCH/Black) Ride On! Ride On, In Majesty! (verse 3,4)**

Benediction

Postlude: (It is our custom to remain seated during the Postlude)

Kevin Bishop



The Congregational Church of Rupert's faith and covenant is expressed as follows:
"Surrounded as we are by field and forest, our faith and covenantal mission is a call to care for our earthly home, to honor our habitat and all our relations. We remain open to the ways God imparts insight through the Bible; God's blessed Word of Truth, through ancient wisdom, scientific insight, the natural world and religious experience. This we do *pro gloria Deo* (for the glory of God), for our spiritual and personal growth; and increase in all graces. We seek to live a nonviolent life and work toward justice in the spirit of Jesus within the context of community. We believe that each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. We accept our personal responsibility to nurture our individual faith as well as the call to share such faith insights humbly and lovingly with others in community. We are prompted to move forward into a time of greater inclusivity and love as we seek to welcome people of other traditions and faith

experiences. So, that in the 21st Century, we may “raise up the foundations of many generations” (Isaiah 58:12) and that we may, as a people, grasp Jesus’ words “that we may all be one.” (John 17:21)

News

◀ *Please bring nonperishable food to church to be donated to the Rupert Food Pantry* ▶

Didn't hear the sermon? **What?** Did you hear the sermon? **No!** Well, thanks to modern technology and the talents of Craig Rose, you CAN now hear the sermon on our webpage! They can be found at <https://www.rupertchurch.org/sermons/>

For a safer and healthier New Year you might consider the protocols below.

As COVID-19 remains an ongoing health concern there are steps that can be taken to help us fortify our immune system. For example by taking supplements of certain vitamins and minerals. Talk to your doctors. They can determine whether you are deficient in any vital nutrients. Deficiencies can make us more vulnerable to infection.

Our Congressional Delegates: | Vermont State Delegates:

Sen. Patrick Leahy	202-224-4242		Sen. Brian Campion	802 828-2228
Sen. Bernie Sanders	202-224-5141		Sen. Richard Sears	802 828-2228
Rep. Peter Welch	202-225-4115			

**** Like Something? **Let them know!** Don't like something? **Let them know!** ****

Calendar

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Every Thursday at 7pm

April

10 Palm/Passion of Jesus Sunday

12 Public Meeting for USDA Grant 6:30 pm at CCR

14 Maundy Thursday

15 Good Friday

Passover begins at sundown*

17 Easter

23 Passover ends at sundown*

May

01 May Day

05 National Day of Prayer

Cinco de mayo

08 Mothers' Day

30 Memorial day

* Why do Jewish holidays start at **sundown the day before the Holiday?** The answer is in Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, ... and Genesis 1: 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." **And there was evening, and there was morning-- the first day**

Gwen Hunt is attending Northern Vermont University. While home on Spring Break, she visited the West Rupert Post Office. She mentioned she missed hearing about what is going with folks in town. She shared her university address and said she would like to hear from folks. You can pick up her address from the table in the rear of the Sanctuary at the top of the stairs

WARNING PUBLIC MEETING FOR 04.12.2022

1786 Rupert Meetinghouse of the Congregational Church of Rupert

2803 Vermont Route. 153, Rupert, Vermont 05768

CONTACT NUMBER 802 733-6522

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:30-7:00 pm

The Congregational Church of Rupert is applying to the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to upgrade historic 1786 Rupert Meetinghouse facility equipment needs. The meeting will be held to acquaint the public with the proposed project, which involves the acquisition of upgraded equipment for the betterment of the community life, and to hear comments on items such as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, or any other issue pertaining to the proposed project.

