

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

**HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!**  
Faith Hendrix-Keel 2nd; Mike Sutton 3rd;  
Bruce Grey 4th; Margo Shay 11th;  
Ashley Hendrix-Keel 14th; Carolyn Johns  
18th; and Rich Clippinger 29th.

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS:** Church  
School will resume soon. Many thanks to  
Tina Santiago for spearheading the  
school.

We will participate in the Easter Sunrise  
Service at Gillette Castle this year. It will  
begin at 6:45 AM....**DRESS WARMLY!**

We have new sign up sheets for Coffee  
Hour, Greeter and Flowers. Please take a  
look and sign up for a date or two.

The annual CWS CROP Walk will be held on  
Good Friday, April 18th at 10 AM. It will begin  
at St. Ann's Church in Old Lyme and will go to  
the OL Congregational Church and back (about  
3 miles). For more information, see Laura Beth.

Please see the notice on the bulletin board about  
Mission 4/1 Earth 2014. Let Carolyn know if  
you are interested in becoming involved.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the  
spring clean up outside yesterday!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship, Palm Sunday, Brunch!!
	4 PM	NL Community Meal Center (see Rich)
Wed. Apr. 16	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Fri. Apr. 18	10 AM	CROP Walk in Old Lyme (see Laura Beth)
Sun. Apr 20	6:45 AM	Sunrise Worship at Gillette Castle (dress warm)
Sun. Apr 20	10 AM	Worship, Easter Sunday, Annual Egg Hunt
Sun. Apr. 27	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 4	10 AM	Worship
Sat. May 10	9 AM -1 PM	<i>Spring Rummage Sale</i>

**Reverend Carolyn Johns**  
**Emergencies & Home Office Phone: 203-453-3325**  
**Carolyn's email: carolyn.f.johns-emp@snet.net**  
**Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM**

**Regular Office Hours Tues 11:30 to 2:00 PM**  
**Wed, Thurs. & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

# First Congregational Church of Lyme

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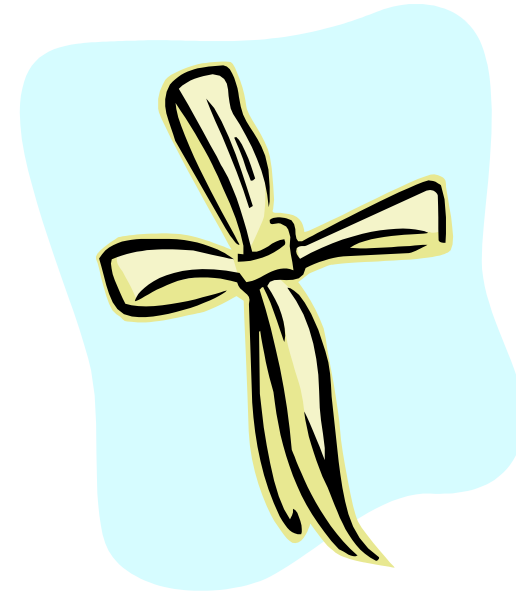
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**Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor**

**April 13, 2014**

## Palm Sunday



### Welcome!

We, the members of the First Congregational Church of Lyme, CT, interpreting the Bible in the context of its times and our time and following the teachings and example of Jesus, declare our church to be an Open and Affirming church, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people. We acknowledge God's acceptance of every individual and Jesus' commandment to love one another. Therefore, this church welcomes heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals to worship and enter into the full life and ministry of our church. In our community of faith, all people are encouraged to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship. Further, persons of every gender, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, and family structure are welcome in our church community; and the First Congregational Church of Lyme invites all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation.

**The First Congregational Church of Lyme  
United Church of Christ**

**Rev. Carolyn Johns, Acting pastor  
Garrett Artman, Organist**

**Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Palm Sunday**

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship: (Adapted from Psalm 118-1-2, 19-29)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Open to us the gates of righteousness,  
that we may enter through them and give thanks.**

Leader: Here is the gate; come, let the righteous enter.  
Bring your branches to the festival procession.

**People: This is your day of triumph, O God.  
This day is your doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: This is the day that God has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn: "This Is the Day" Chalice RED # 286

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" Chalice RED # 193

Offering: "The Gift of Love"

\*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon: "Called to Carry" Rev. Carolyn Johns

\*Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Chalice RED # 192

\*Benediction: "Peace Be Upon You" Chalice RED #441  
"Peace be upon you and guard you forever.  
Go in the knowledge that God is with you."

Postlude

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**PRAYERS:** Margo Shay (surgery on the 17th); F & f of Nivea Santiago; Lorraine Grey; Cindy Fogle; Francis Rand; F & f of Doad Jewett; Pat Sutton; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.

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Please turn off your cell phone during worship service. Thank you!

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Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for an all church brunch. All are invited!