

Holy Week & Easter at First Church*

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY -- April 5

Morning Worship, 11:00am

*Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. The service embodies the sharp contrasts of Holy Week. In the **Entrance with the Palms** (by the children and others) we experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, including **festive Palm Sunday music**. In the **Proclamation and Response** we confront and respond to the story of Jesus' passion, including **somber passion-centered music**.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY -- April 9

The Passover Seder, 6:00pm

*On this holy night, we remember that Jesus and his disciples gathered in a large upper room in the city of Jerusalem to share the Passover Supper or **Seder**. The **Seder** is the traditional **Passover Week Dinner** celebrated by the Jewish people since the time of the Exodus. It is the Hebrew Thanksgiving, giving thanks to God for deliverance and redemption. As Jesus shared what we call the "Last Supper" with the disciples, he instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Join us as on Maundy Thursday at **6pm** in the Social Hall as we share together in an authentic **Seder** meal hosted by the Youth.*

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion, 7:00pm

*Following the Seder, we will continue our Holy Thursday observance with the Sacrament of **Holy Communion** in the sanctuary. The service will begin at **7pm**.*

GOOD FRIDAY (GOD'S FRIDAY) -- April 10

Tenebrae -- A Service of Shadows, *7:30pm

*The service of Tenebrae or "shadows" is an extended meditation on the Passion of Christ with origins in the monastic communities of the fifth century. It is characterized by the successive extinguishing of light as the service progresses. **Tenebrae is a deeply moving experience of Jesus' passion and death. Persons who attend a Tenebrae service experience Easter in a new and deeply meaningful way.** (This service begins a little closer to nightfall, at 7:30pm)*

EASTER SUNDAY -- April 12

Easter Worship Celebration. 11:00am

*Come, join us on this most holy of days as we celebrate in worship Jesus' victory over sin and death with the lighting of the great Paschal candle. This service will include the singing of grand and glorious Easter hymns, English handbell music by **The Walker Ringers, The Chancel Choir, Pat Holbrook, Gena Ryan** and our special guests **The Lincoln Brass**.*