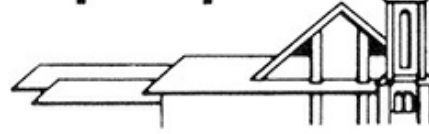


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

*Sunday, April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday*

REMINDER: Our Sunday worship services have been moved to an online format for Sunday, April 5th. Please join us via our First Baptist Church Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) page on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and watch for a live pastoral reflection and gift of music. We will also post an edited fuller worship experience later in the day on Sunday (on our webpage and our Facebook page) and will appear in the weekly Bulletin. For more information on this topic and to stay informed about all COVID-19 related changes and announcements, please go to <http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

10:00am: Join us LIVE on our Facebook page for reflections from our ministerial team and for a worship experience!

(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our Facebook page and website.)

Let the Rocks and Stones Sing!

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40



Help Us Make Palm Sunday Worship Special!

First Baptist Family - we need YOU to help make our virtual Palm Sunday service this coming Sunday, April 5th, special!

In Jesus' time, the people cut the palms from the trees and waved them in celebration as he approached the city of Jerusalem. They waved them, and they shouted with joy, and they cried out, "Hosanna! Deliver us!"

They laid their palms and their coats in the road ahead of Jesus' approaching donkey, a sign of deep respect for the coming of a great leader.

We, in our day, tend to think of the palms as significant - and they ARE! - but, also, in those days, they were what was at hand...they were the trees that lined the streets and hills.

We may not be able to gather together with our palms this coming Sunday, but we CAN still remember and reenact exactly the significance and the celebration of the day, remember and reenact the joy people felt at seeing Jesus approaching. We can do this now, just as the people did then, by using what we have most available to us.

So, here is where you come in! We are asking for you to make (be as creative as you want! Draw! Cut shapes! Use ribbon!) or find something for your "palms" for this coming Sunday. You can craft them or find a beautiful flower or branch or leaf in your yard. Then **TAKE A PICTURE** of yourself/your family with your "palms" of celebration, and **send it to us** - please email to Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org (or you can also text them to her or send via Facebook) **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, April 2nd**. We will be using these in our Palm Sunday worship, so if you send a picture, make sure to give Julie the ok to share!

AND have your personal palms ready with you on Sunday! Watch from home and wave them with us!

All glory, laud, and honor - even if we cannot be together in person, we can be together in heart! We hope that many of you will choose to participate in this all-church expression of faith and hope and joy!

Hosanna, dear ones!

(As a reminder, you can watch our worship service LIVE via our Facebook page (First Baptist Church in Beverly) at 10 on Sundays - which is now JUST the scheduled preacher from her or his home, due to the stay-at-home advisory for our area, AND ALSO can then find a video with a fuller worship experience featuring all clergy as well as music from Esther Chang uploaded to our webpage, in the Bulletin, and on our Facebook page early in the week!)

An Evolving World of Worship Experiences

As the situation with COVID-19 in our area continues to change and evolve, so, too, must our response as a church – not only in terms of how we strive to support one another and help meet needs in our local community, but, also, in terms of how we can offer and present worship experiences. We know that it can feel confusing and difficult to try to navigate these changing waters; it is a confusing time, in so many ways. Here is a handy reminder of the opportunities available, at this time, not only to watch and experience worship, but, also, to connect with other FBC family.

Sunday Mornings: Our Sunday morning worship experience has had to shift slightly, following the Governor's Stay-At-Home Advisory was issued and we were unable to continue to film all together in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Our current model now will provide for a LIVE 10:00 a.m. experience from the scheduled preacher for the day, filmed live from her or his home and shown via Facebook Live on the church's Facebook page (search First Baptist Church in Beverly to find that page). If you are on Facebook, we recommend "liking" or "following" that page to ensure our news updates and information appear in your newsfeed regularly – but don't forget to check the page often, too, as Facebook's algorithms do not always ensure that every post finds its way to every person!

We understand that Facebook Live is not easily viewed if you are not on Facebook; for that reason we ALSO all filming fuller worship experiences, which we be melded together WITH the live sermon from that day and posted to our church website (look at www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons), as well as our YouTube channel and Facebook page. This fuller worship videos will feature the sermon from the scheduled preacher, as well as music from our Music Director, Esther Chang, possible pieces from soloists and other musicians, and worship elements from the other clergyperson who did not preach. These fuller videos will be posted by Wednesday morning, and the link will also come to you in your email Bulletin. (Because they are an even fuller experience than the live sermon, even those who can watch live may choose to ALSO watch the fuller service, at your leisure!)

We apologize for the shifts and changes as the COVID-19 situation shifts and changes. This is a fluid situation and crisis, and we are finding that we as leaders must remain fluid and flexible, too. We recognize, too, that it requires some fluidity and flexibility on the part of you, our church family, too, and we appreciate that so much! We ALSO recognize that these elements represent learning curves – for us AND for some of you – and so this is a good reminder for us to be patient and gentle with ourselves and others as we learn.

One note: the reason the live service is available through Facebook is because that is, at this time, the best live streaming platform for our purposes. Some churches hosting live Zoom experiences have recently seen their services attacked by those who have taken over the control of the screen or microphone in the platform to share hurtful or attacking words or images – this happened to a church in our own area this past Sunday, and, as you can imagine, it was greatly upsetting for all those trying to worship. We have determined that for a live experience, the Facebook platform offers protection from this type of attack, which we think is important. In an effort to supplement that experience, we are also creating these fuller services, so that everyone can access worship in some virtual manner. Until we can all be together again in person, we will continue to strive to use multiple modes of communication and expression to reach as many folks as we can, but we recognize that this is a wilderness period for us all. Thank you for being on the journey with us.

Drop-In Coffee Breaks: There are now TWO weekly drop-in Coffee Breaks for you to pop in and see friendly faces with your First Baptist family. These times are meant to be relaxed times of communication and connection, in a time when we can too easily feel disconnected. The login details for these are listed in this Bulletin in a separate article, but there is an evening drop-in time with Kent Harrop on Wednesday at 7p.m. and a morning drop-in gathering with Julie Flowers on Thursday at 10 a.m. You can drop in at one – or both! We hope to see you!

Live Kids' Times on Tuesdays: Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., there is a Facebook Live Kids' Time being offered by Julie Flowers. This is for all FBC kids and kids-at-heart!

Live Contemplative Fridays: Every Friday at 1:00 p.m., there is a Facebook Live session around a contemplative practice, offered by Kent Harrop. Special guests at times also will offer live Fridays about music/how music speaks to our hearts and souls.

Maundy Thursday: We WILL have a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th, and that will be set up as a Zoom gathering. If you would like to attend this service – which is open to all – please bring something for the bread and something for the cup, as we will share in communion together during this time. To attend this service, use this link (this info will be shared and posted again in next week's Bulletin, as well): <https://zoom.us/j/567420266?pwd=aURtUUVIS3lmVnJqSoRlalZEd1Z4UT09>

Easter Sunday: On Easter Sunday, we will NOT be doing a Facebook Live service – instead a prefilmed video of Easter worship will be scheduled to post at 10 a.m. to our Facebook page, our church website, and our YouTube channel – so that you can go on to whichever is your preferred platform to view worship and see Easter worship that way!

Opportunities to Connect Virtually Via Zoom

We may not be able to have a coffee time all together in person, but we can still drop-in and see one another this way!

Wednesday Evening Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time with Kent:

Kent has the virtual coffee pot brewing (Decaf) for a ZOOM FBC Coffee Time' on April 1st 7 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Simply click on the ZOOM link below and follow the prompts to join the virtual meeting with your

friends. Kent Harrop will host the meeting as we check in with one another. This is an opportunity in a safe and respectful setting to share our struggles and hope. It is good to remember that we aren't alone, that we have one another and a God of infinite love.

Topic: First Baptist Church in Beverly Drop-In Coffee Time
Time: Apr 1, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/953951843>

Meeting ID: 953 951 843

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Meeting ID: 953 951 843
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aeuLvUmA18>

Thursday Morning Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time with Julie:

Grab your morning coffee or tea and pop in to Julie's virtual Zoom Coffee Break from 10-10:30 a.m. on Thursday! All are welcome, and you should be able to join from a smartphone or computer, just by clicking on the meeting link below!

Open to any FBC friends who would like to drop by!

Topic: FBC Zoom Coffee Break
Time: Apr 2, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/972788362?pwd=coFibFhNzdIeTdOMjZVUDViMUK2QT09>

Meeting ID: 972 788 362
Password: 590381

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Meeting ID: 972 788 362
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/apQhSVKoz>

Theology on Tap: Tuesday, April 7 at 8:30pm (Note the slightly later time)

April's Theology on Tap will meet as a Zoom meeting, hosted by Julie!

Topic: Theology on Tap
Time: Apr 7, 2020 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/323891608?pwd=coVjL2lONWFERHVSUElVaU1LQlkwQT09>

Meeting ID: 323 891 608

Password: 473631

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Calling All Artists

Our theme for Lent and Holy Week is 'there's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in'. This line from the poet and musician Leonard Cohen, reminds us that during the difficult times in life, there *is always* a way in which the light gets in. This truth is found in our faith where Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world' and when speaking of the church 'let your light shine into the darkness'. We are inviting all the artists of the church of all ages (and, we are all artists), over these next several weeks while we are physically apart, to create works of art that reflect how your hopes and experience of light, are illuminating the world. Feel free to use any medium that works for you, paintings, crayon drawings, sculpting, photography, collages etc. When we are able to return to being in our church building, we will host an 'FBC art show' that celebrates the light getting in!

COVID-19 and Temporary Closure at First Baptist in Beverly

Due to public health concern, the First Baptist office will be closed for the until further notice. The pastoral staff: Julie Flowers, Kent Harrop will be working remotely. Any pastoral concerns, contact either Julie or Kent directly.

Julie: jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or [cell: 617-692-0477](tel:617-692-0477)

Kent: kharrop@fbcbeverly.org or [971-237-0583](tel:971-237-0583)

Youth Fellowship, Choirs, Small Groups and Committees

All church gatherings in our church building will be cancelled until further notice. This includes small groups, choirs, youth groups, committees. Some groups/committees may choose to stay connected via email, conference calls or ZOOM. For more information please visit :

<http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

A Weekly Blog of Hope

Kent Harrop invites you to check out his weekly blog 'Green Preacher'. In recent weeks, Kent's been writing on how faith can speak into the dislocation many of us feel during this public health crisis. To read, go to: <https://greenpreacherblog.com/>

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, April 1

7:00-7:45pm: Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time for Church Family via Zoom

Thursday, April 2

10:00-10:30am: Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time for Church Family via Zoom

Friday, April 3

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Practice and Music Sessions

Saturday, April 4

12:30pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Palm Sunday, April 5

10:00am: Facebook Live: FBC's Pastoral Reflections

Monday, April 6

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, April 7

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting
1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time
8:30 pm: Zoom Theology on Tap

Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

Virtual Worship Service
Sunday, March 29th

Lent as a Time to Serve

Rev. John DeNardo, preaching
Scripture: John 13:12-15, 33-35

musical offering by Esther Chang.



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