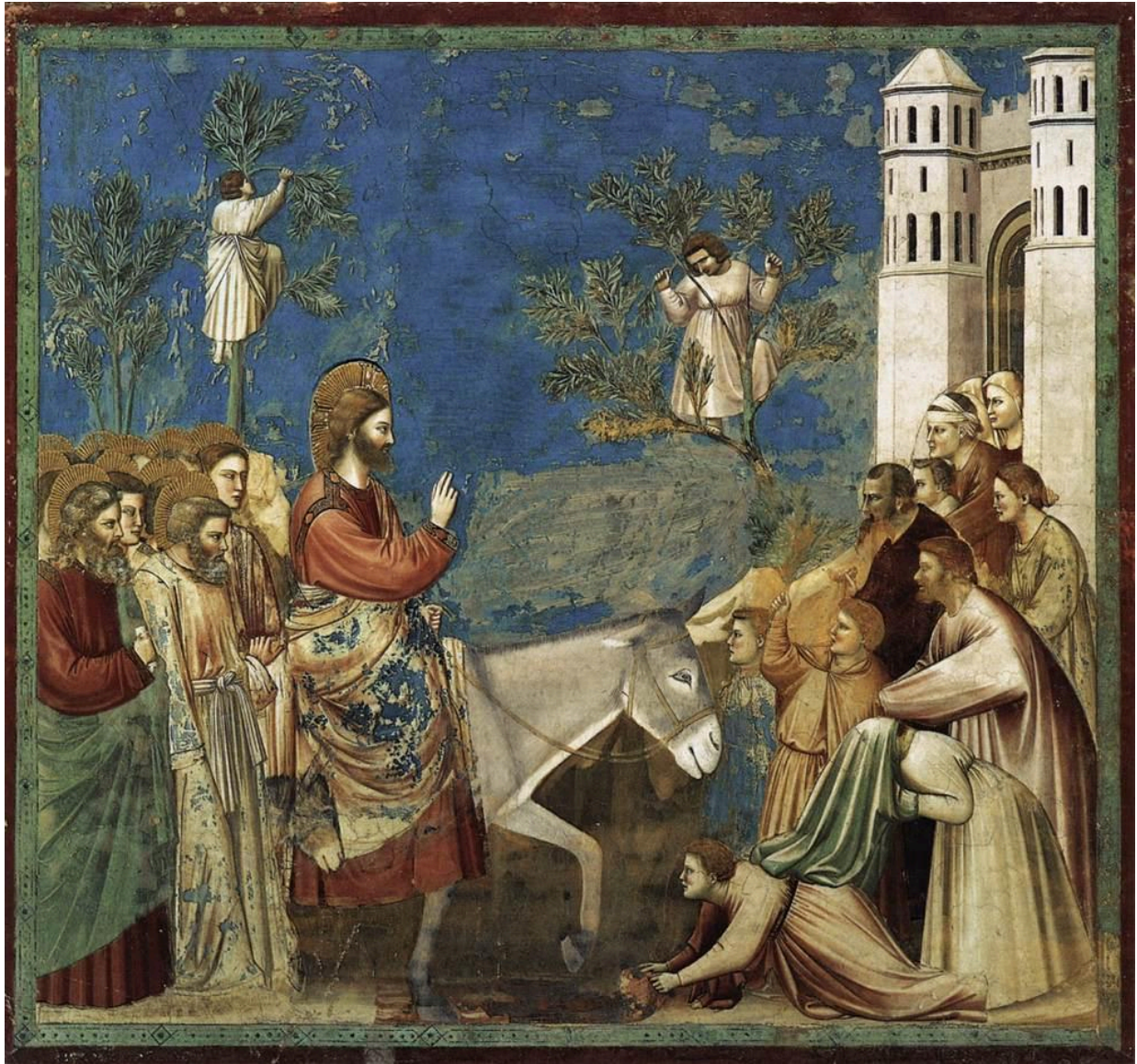


NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UCC



“Every symbol is pregnant with its own future.”

—David Bentley Hart

PALM & PASSION SUNDAY
April 13, 2025, at 10:00 in the Morning

All who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE “All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Handbell Ensemble

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Lynds Alyn

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: *Friends, as we gather in this space this morning, we (pro)claim the deepest freedom for ourselves—from the tyranny of ruthless authority, the schemes of the mighty, and the stories of scarcity.*

MANY: We welcome the dominion of Love into our lives—rule us by your tender grace from within. Hosanna!

ONE: *We come rejoicing that we are not bound by the imperialist decrees of Caesar, but rather by the covenantal threads of Love—God’s ultimate and liberating reality.*

MANY: We celebrate Love with our whole hearts, minds, and beings. Hosanna!

ONE: *This celebration is not ours alone—the whole cosmos rejoices for Love’s gentle conquest. Even the stones cry out!*

MANY: Come, come into our lives, O God, and fill our hearts with your jubilant song. Our ultimate fealty belongs to you alone. Hosanna, and amen!

*** HYMN #265 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

INVOCATION *(unison)*

Triumphing God, as we welcome your Spirit into our midst, we sing *Hosanna* to you not for what we hoped your entry might mean, but for what you truly represent—the fulfillment of our hopes for the deepest freedom, sovereignty, and peace. May your grace enable us to accompany you through the trials to come. May we learn well what makes for true peace. And may we resist the temptation to abandon the rule of Love for cheap displays of power.

*** THE PEACE**

(You may exchange a sign of God's peace with each other.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Lynds Alyn

Luke 19:28-44 NRSV Updated Edition

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

³⁰ 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.

³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ Now as he was 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,

³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it,

⁴² saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

⁴³ Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side.

⁴⁴ They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Dawn Slade

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

SERMON

Thew Deen

JOYS & CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

(Concluding with The Lord’s Prayer| Our Creator; debts)

INVITATION TO GIVE

Love

Stewarding God’s

OFFERTORY “Antiphonal Hosanna” G. Alan Smith
Chancel Choir

* **DOXOLOGY** *(See inside back cover of the hymnal)*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN #261 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “We Have Been Told”

David Haas, arr. Matthew Prins Handbell Ensemble

WELCOME, NEW FRIENDS & VISITORS!

We’re glad you’re here and hope you find our services meaningful. Please introduce yourself and ask questions so we can properly greet you!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Mon. April 14	7:00 pm Al-Anon
Tues. April 15	1:00 pm Linus Quilters
Weds. April 16	6:30 pm Passover Seder
Thurs. April 17	6:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Fri. April 18	12:00 pm Good Friday (Guilford UCC)
	6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
	7:15 pm Chancel choir practice

*Find more church happenings online at
newfane.church/calendar.*

BIRTHDAYS

Zane Akins – April 13; Ian Harrison – April 15;
Emmy Lou Harlow - April 16

SPECIAL THANKS TO TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS

Liturgy, Deaconry, Ministry (*Lynds Alyn, Chrisman Kearn,
Thew Deen*)

Music (*Jennifer Yocom, Handbell Ensemble, Chancel Choir*)

Greeters & Collectors (*Jason Hartnett & Haleigh Corbosiero*)

Fellowship & Coffee Hour (*Cheryl Liston*)

APRIL MISSION PARTNERS

Brattleboro Area Interfaith Youth Group (BAIYG)

Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFO

Rev. Thew will be in the office this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 4pm. Our administrator is at church from 9am–3pm Tuesday through Thursday. Reach out to schedule an appointment.

CONTACT INFO

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Newfane Congregational Church

HOLY WEEK



4/13 – PALM & PASSION SUNDAY

Protesting injustice—the world's and God's

**Childcare available*

Service: 10:00 AM

4/16 – PASSOVER SEDER EXPERIENCE

"Promise of the Land" Haggadah (provided) • Guided by Rabbi Amita Jarmon • Open to people of all faiths or none • Children very welcome

To attend, RSVP to debsriverside@gmail.com

Seder Experience: Wednesday @ 6:30PM

4/17 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Contemplative Service of Scripture and Reflection

Childcare available

Service: 6:00 PM

4/18 – GOOD FRIDAY

*A joint service of W-U Association UCC churches
at Guilford Community Church.*

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM

4/20 – EASTER SUNDAY

The Harrowing of Hell • Childcare available

"Sunrise" Service: 7:30 AM • Pancake Breakfast: 8:15 AM

Egg Hunt: 9:00 AM • Easter Celebration: 10:00 AM



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