



*South Church
United Church of Christ*

e-Lation!

Even the Stones Will Cry Out

by Rev. Sarah Speed

*The Pharisees found Jesus; they said,
“Order your disciples to stop.”
It’s not the first time justice was almost silenced.
People stood on the sidelines shouting hosanna which
means, “Save us, Save me.”
It’s not the first time we’ve heard that cry from the street.
The Pharisees said stop.
They wanted the people quiet,
but some things can’t be silenced.
Justice will bubble up, hope will raise its head,
love will rise to the surface.
Hate and fear will try to drown them out, but you cannot
silence what was here first,
which was love, and it was good.
It was so good.
So even the stones will cry out.
Remember that at your parade.
Justice will bubble up, hope will raise its head,
love will rise to the surface.
Amen.*

Holy Week 2022



Palm Sunday, April 10

9 a.m. Worship

11a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Story NH Project Story Stations

Monday, April 11

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

12 p.m.

Service of Silent Prayer in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 12

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 13

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

7:30 a.m.

Prayer and Foot Washing Service in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

7p.m.

Tenebrae and Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 15

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary
12 p.m.
Prayer Service in the Sanctuary

Holy Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall
10a.m. to 2 p.m.
Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary
10a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sanctuary open for individual reflection and prayer

Easter Sunday, April 17

6 a.m.
Sunrise Service on the front steps
9 a.m.
Festival Service in the Sanctuary

*(We ask that you continue to wear masks through Holy Week.
Following Easter Sunday, masks will be optional.)*

Work for a Just World



Helping the Ukraine

Monetary donations to the needs of the people of Ukraine and to the millions of Ukrainian refugees can be made through our denominational partners at Global Ministries. To donate click on this [link](#).

Singing for our Souls. Join us on **Thursday, April 14** in the Chapel to sing a few songs to lift our spirits and to send healing prayers to the Ukraine. All are encouraged to come (masked) from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. No need to make a reservation, just come.

Spiritual Growth

South Church Book Discussion

Rev. Brooks Berndt, the UCC's

create opportunities for spiritual growth, build a welcoming community of diverse relationships, serve our neighbors, and work for a just world.

South Church has twelve groups, each working in specific areas, striving to live into our mission and vision in our church, our community and beyond. Which group is a good fit for you to join? You can see a full list of these groups with their descriptions [HERE](#). If the work of one of these groups interests you, please contact the **church office** or **Janet Zeller** to get more information.

Stewardship



Pledge Campaign

It's that time of year, when we ask the people of South Church make a financial pledge to the congregation. We thank all of you who have already sent in their pledge but want to remind everyone the importance of

supporting the church financially. Together, we can answer God's call to *"be living examples of radical hope, connecting God with our community and with one another."*

The best way to make a pledge is to print out this [pledge card](#) and bring it or mail it to the church office or e-mail **Kayla**. Also note there are several ways of fulfilling your pledge. You can write a check, you can use bill pay from your financial institution, you can send stocks from your financial institution, or even make a qualified charitable contribution from your IRA. If you do use any of these methods, please put your name and pledge 2022-2023 in the memo field.



Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to Thelma Lyon, Katie Lyon Pingree's mother, for her most generous gift of \$100,000 in memory of her grandson Matthew Pingree. Her gift will support the endowment, current ministries of South

Church, and new outreach in our community. We continue to hold all of Matthew's extended family in our prayers and in our hearts.

Nurturing



Moment for Mission

Sometimes little historical facts hit me more than big news stories. Like this one: Afghanistan has had more changes of its national flag during the 20th century than any other country in the world (*Wikipedia, Flags of Afghanistan*). We have all become familiar

with the blue and yellow of Ukraine's flag in the short time since Putin invaded that country, but even Afghans might not know what colors to wave to show pride in their culture and homeland. Due to decades of political and religious turmoil from inside and outside their country, it is by no means a simple question.

While displaced people have basic needs in common, their stories are all different. Paging through the glossy books by South Church member, photographer, and humanitarian activist Becky Field is a stunning reminder of the rich diversity people from around the world bring to New Hampshire as well as of the struggles and losses that have brought them here.

In April, The Faith in Action mission offerings will go to the organization that first helps refugees and other new arrivals settle in greater Concord, **Ascentria Care Alliance**. Will you help Afghan and Ukrainian individuals, and families get access to housing, legal assistance, and living essentials? I know I fly the United States flag with pride when we do our part as a country. The same is true with the actions and symbols of the church. When we give of what we have and treat others as we would want to be treated, it makes me so glad to be a member of South Church.

-Susan Hatem



Collecting Goods

We will be collecting items for *The Friends of Forgotten Children*. This program operates one of the largest food pantries in the greater Concord area. It stocks a variety of shelf-stable food items, as well as refrigerated and

frozen meats and produce. They also carry non-food items that cannot be purchased through the food stamp program. These much-needed items include personal care items, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and feminine products. Items you would like to donate can be placed in the wooden crates in the Sanctuary or the shopping cart in our care closet in Fellowship Hall.

Meal Train

South Church is blessed to have the Waldron family as members of our church family. Derek is following a calling to ministry



and is working towards a position as a Marine Chaplain. We should embrace Sarah and their three children, with love and food while he is away at training. He will be home in less than two weeks. If you are interested, please **sign-up today**.

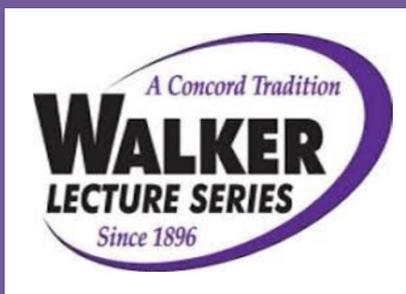
Our UCC Community



Earth Sunday Webinar

Getting Ready for Earth Sunday with this webinar on **Wednesday, April 13** at 1 p.m. The Creation Justice Ministries has created an ecumenical resource entitled "*Weathering the Storm: Faithful Climate Resilience*" for churches. It helps churches respond to the question, "*How can our churches be hubs of resilience, helping our neighbors weather the physical and spiritual storms of the climate crisis?*" The resource can be used year-round and is also particularly useful in preparing for Earth Sunday. This webinar will introduce the resource and talk about specific ways churches can deliver a powerful message and experience on Earth Sunday. To register click on this [link](#).

Our Greater Community



Walker Lecture Series

The Art of Film: Film is a powerful medium, generating billions of dollars and untold hours of entertainment around the world. Understanding how film creates and delivers ideas, and how it shapes and reflects popular attitudes, adds to our appreciation of the cinematic experience. Increase your film vocabulary and have fun discussing movies together with film buff and scholar Patrick Anderson enjoy the art of silent film comedy as it was developed by three masters on **Wednesday, April 13** at 7:30p.m.

An Evening of A Cappella: Mixtape began their a cappella journey in

October of 2015, in the quaint, historic city of Dover NH with a raggle-taggle bunch of folks with musical tastes spanning classical to early 20th century jazz to modern radio hits. The members of the group remain true to their name. *Ball in the House* is an R&B/Soul/Pop a cappella group based out of Boston, MA, whose high energy shows have audiences singing, dancing, even beatboxing along. These two groups will perform on **Wednesday, April 20** at 7:30p.m.

All shows are free and located at Concord City Auditorium on 2 Prince Street. For more information about the Walker Lecture Series check out their **website**.



Discover WILD NH Day

On **Saturday, April 16** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. bring the family to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's biggest community event of the year! This is a fun way for the whole family to explore NH's wildlife resources and

legacy of outdoor traditions. Browse educational exhibits presented by environmental and conservation organizations from throughout the state. See live animals, big fish, and trained falcons. Try your hand at archery, casting, fly-tying, and BB gun shooting. Get creative with hands-on craft activities for the kids and check out the latest hunting and fishing gear and gadgets.



NH Audubon Society

Join the NH Audubon Society's webinar: *Courtship, Mating, and Egg Anatomy* on **Tuesday, April 19** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Using footage from the field, this program dives into the often comical arena of avian courtship displays after first covering dimorphic traits between commonly observed male and female bird species. Next, we will dissect an egg to explore anatomy,

physiology, and chick development. Attendees are invited to follow along at home with their own raw chicken egg and dark-colored plate! To register for the webinar, click on this **link**.

The next e-Lation will arrive on Thursday, April 21.

If you wish to add something to our newsletter, please submit your article by Monday, April 18 to **Alison**.

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