



*"Jazz Sanctuary Monks"*  
*by Fran Irvine, 2023*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jazz Sanctuary - NEW Album "Songs for Worship"** - is available for purchase! CD's are \$20 - or - you can go on your favorite music platform and download it! After covering the cost of making the CD's, all funds will go to supporting the ministry of First Congregational Church.

**Lenten Special Mission - One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) is one of five special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. You are invited to put your offering in one of the special OGHS envelopes, at any time during Lent. You are also invited to take one of the "silk" purses off of the bulletin board and add coins and dollars throughout the Lenten season, and bring the FILLED purse back on Easter Sunday!

**Lenten Video Study** - March 26, and April 2nd, at 11:30am (following worship) the Spiritual Life team invites everyone to join Pastor Emilia for a Lenten video discussion, which includes a brief 6-8 min video and 20 minutes of discussion, reflection, and sharing. Our study will be on "Seeking Aliveness: Spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation" by Brian McLaren and created by Workofthepeople.org.

**Page Turners** for March: We are reading "Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence" by Diana Butler Bass and all are invited to join us for the discussion on March 27th from 2-3pm in the Chapel at on Zoom.

The **Anti-Racism Study Group** will continue its work on Tuesday, March 21st, from 7-8, on Zoom. We will be reflecting on the ways that we and our thinking has changed in the past 3 years about racism in America and in ourselves.

**The Concord Female Charitable Society** Annual Meeting and turkey supper will be held at Alan's Restaurant on Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 pm, followed by a program by Dwight Phetteplace, guitarist and singer. Reservations (members only) for this event should be made with Kathy Akerman or Rev. Emilia Halsted by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ticket price is \$24.00. (No tickets will be sold at the door.)

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### **March 26th, 5th Sunday of Lent**

10:30 AM Traditional Service (in Chapel)  
11:30 PM Lenten Video Study and Reflection (in Chapel)

### **April 2nd, Palm Sunday**

9:30am Discernment Circle (In-Person and ZOOM)  
10:30 AM Traditional Communion Service (in Chapel)  
11:30 AM Lenten Video Study and Reflection (in Chapel)

### **April 6th, Maundy Thursday**

6:30 PM Traditional Communion & Tenebrae Service (in Chapel)

### **April 7th, Good Friday**

6:30 PM Jazz Sanctuary Service (in Hanna Hall)

### **April 9th, Easter Sunday**

5:45 AM Sunrise Service with Bow Mills UMC (at Dimond Hill Farm)  
10:30 AM Traditional Service (in Chapel)

Jazz Sanctuary  
(A ministry of First Congregational Church of Concord, UCC)  
Sunday, March 19th at 2:30pm  
"A Different Path - Celtic Music and Spirituality"

Welcome and Introduction of the Theme - Emilia and Tim

Readers Theater - Luke 19:1-10

Emilia (Narrator): Jesus enters Jericho and seems only to be passing through. Living in Jericho is a man named Zaccheus. He's the head tax collector and is very rich. He is also very short. He wants to see Jesus as He passes through the center of town, but he can't get a glimpse because the crowd blocks his view. So he runs ahead of the crowd and climbs up into a sycamore tree so he can see Jesus when He passes beneath him. Jesus comes along and looks up into the tree, and there He sees Zaccheus.

Jesus (Band): Zaccheus, hurry down from that tree because I need to stay at your house tonight.

Emilia (Narrator): Zaccheus scrambles down and joyfully brings Jesus back to his house. Now the crowd sees this, and they're upset.

**Crowd (Congregation): Jesus has become the houseguest of this fellow who is a notorious sinner.**

Zaccheus (Deacons): Lord, I am giving half of my goods to the poor, and whomever I have cheated I will pay back four times what I took.

Jesus (Band): Today liberation has come to this house, since even Zaccheus is living as a son of Abraham, for the Son of Man came to seek and to liberate the lost.

JAZZ SET - The CCMS Folk and Celtic Ensemble

Charlie Head - Guitar

Lindy Head - Fiddle

Linda Newell - Fiddle

Betsy Clar - Fiddle

Audrey Budington (CCMS Faculty) - Fiddle

Thomas - Linehan - Mandolin

Leanne Tigert - Mandolin

Tunes (Not Necessarily in Order):

Soon the Brae/Cold Frosty Morn

The Wren

Michael Turners Waltz

Hardiman the Fiddler/kesh jig

Orphan/Star above the Garter

Si Baeg Se Moar

Jazz Worship Experience

Agape Feast

Call to the Feast

Prayer of Adoration

**Living God, you are present in our midst and we praise you. You are tearing down walls of alienation and exclusion. For this, we praise you because, in Jesus, you have shown us a way of hospitality, simplicity, prayer, peacemaking, and resistance. Because your Spirit makes a new path for us as we struggle to live in the shadow of doubt and fear, weak as we are, you fill us with hope. Lover of our souls, you give us joy and we praise you. AMEN.**

Signs and Symbols

Sharing the Feast

Opening Song

Morning Has Broken (Used with Permission)

**Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day**

**Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world**

Opening Words (Love Is the Nature of the Soul from "Anam Cara" by John O'Donohue)

*The soul needs love as urgently as the body needs air. In the warmth of love, the soul can be itself. ... When we love and allow ourselves to be loved, we begin more and more to inhabit the kingdom of the eternal. Fear changes into courage, emptiness becomes plentitude, and distance becomes intimacy.*

Song

Musical Priest

Reading (from John 13:35, Christian Scriptures)

*Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others.*

## Song

### You Walk along the Shoreline

You Walk along Our Shoreline, Sylvia G Dunstan

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Reading (By John Philip Newell in "The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggles for New Beginnings")

*Too often in the past our approach to truth has been to assume that we have it and others do not. Consequently, we have thought that our role is to tell people what to believe. We are being invited instead into a new humility, to serve the holy wisdom that is already stirring in the hearts of people everywhere, the growing awareness of the earth's interrelatedness and sacredness.*

*It was on Iona years ago that I first became aware of the need to reclaim some of the features of ancient Christianity in the Celtic world as lost treasure for today. Part of that treasure is the much-cherished image of ... John the Beloved leaning against Jesus at the Last Supper. Celtic tradition holds that by doing this he heard the heartbeat of God. He became a symbol of the practice of listening - listening deep within ourselves, within one another, and within the body of the earth for the beat of the Sacred Presence.*

## Song

### Washerwoman

Conversational Time - Emilia and Tim

"Get to know you" question: Would you rather climb a tree or relax in a hammock?

Jesus clearly saw something of God's realm already residing in Zaccheus unlike everyone else. Perhaps Jesus could "listen deeply" to everyone he met and hear God's heartbeat in them. What resonates for you in the "different path" of Celtic spirituality as a way to listen deeply to ourselves, one another, and the earth?

## Song

### Be Now My Vision

Be Now My Vision, Byrne/Hull/Evans

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Pastoral Prayer (By John Philip Newell in "Celtic Benediction: Morning and Night Prayer")

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction (By John Philip Newell in "Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace")

Sending Music

Ashokan Farewell