

Scripture Lesson Mark 11:1-11

Sermon **God Delivers on an Ancient Promise** Rev. Shawn Garan

Offertory

Offertory Anthem Antiphonal Hosanna Hal Hopson

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

*Prayer of Dedication
Spirit of humble generosity: thank you for your never-failing mercy; thank you for Christ's gift of selfless love; thank you for the witness of our forebears. For blessing us with many gifts, we thank you. For walking with us in our weakness, we praise you. Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love you offer us, a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.

Joys & Concerns/Lord's Prayer
 Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
 Leader: Let us pray.
 Pastoral Prayer
 (A time for silent personal reflection.)
 Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer ("debts")

*Passing The Peace

*Hymn 371 *Lift High The Cross*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Recessional William P. Rowan
 (*) Please stand

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Deacon In Charge: Suzy Starr

Thank you to Lisa Hellman for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Coffee Hour - there is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for "Sunday Morning Coffee Hour." All you need to bring is 75-100 bite-size items, the church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. You can also sign-up on our website at 2cc.org.

In Memoriam

Martha Whitehead died Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Stamford Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Martha sang in the Chancel Choir at Second Church for over 18 years. She was the musician for the 8:30 service and subbed for Alexander during his vacations. She also served on the Women's Fellowship committee for many years as corresponding secretary and the pianist during the monthly programs. Also, Martha was very proud of being a part of 2CC's Prayer Shawl Ministry. We extend our condolences to Martha's daughter Marylou Miller and her husband Keith, and grandchildren Nicolas and Grace.

In Memoriam

Monte Stewart Manee father of Sandy Evans died March 21, 2018 in Stamford. We extend our love and condolences to Sandy, Chip, C.J., Christopher, Charles and Chase.

The **Chancel Flowers** are given by Ilda and Charles Lee in loving memory of her parents, Frank and Ilda Gerhardt

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 25	1:00 p.m.	Picassos	Room 14
	5:00 p.m.	Scout Parent Mtg.	Room 15
Monday, March 26	4:45 p.m.	Pacific House Meal Delivery	Chapel Cottage
	7:00 p.m.	"Our Time" Evening of Music	
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	
Tuesday, March 27	7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Chapel
Wednesday, March 28	4:00 p.m.	Cherubs & Novices	Brush Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Middlers	Brush Hall
	6:00 p.m.	High School	Brush Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study	Parlor
Thursday, March 29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Parlor
	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Dinner	Fletcher Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Warm-Up	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae Service followed by Prayer Vigil	Sanctuary
Friday, March 30 <i>Good Friday</i>	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (MS)	Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Led Good Friday Service	
Saturday, March 31	10:00 a.m.	Picassos	Room 14
	5:00 p.m.	Evensong	Chapel
Sunday, April 1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6:36 a.m.	Sunrise Service	Labyrinth
	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast after Sunrise Service	Parsonage
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Call Time	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Music Schedule

April 8 - Guest Soloist April 15 - Chancel Choir
 April 22 - Ugandan Singers April 30 - Youth Choir

Ugandan Singers coming to Second Church in April!



We have been offered an amazing opportunity by the same group that brought the Soweto Melodic Voices to church two years ago.

A group from Uganda will be coming to Second Church & performing on April 22 at our 10:30 a.m. service. In our conversations with Creative Connections they have asked if we might be interested in acting as host families for these young performers while they are here on their tour.

If the Soweto group is any indication, this could be a phenomenal experience in ministry...

- **Tour dates:** Wed, April 18 – Saturday May 5, 2018 (we are opting to take one week or the other, not both)
- **Group Total:** 11 students: 5 girls (13-15 years old) 6 boys (14-18 years old) & 2 adult leaders (Frank and Brenda Katoola). The Ugandan guests can be placed in singles, doubles (preferred), triples or quads. Host families with children? Yes if possible. But empty nesters can work as well.
- **Language:** Fluent in English
- **Transportation:** Drop off Ugandans central pickup location at Sam & pick-up at same location between 3:30 and 4:30 M-F*
*We can arrange alternative transportation for days that are necessary
- **Food:** Host families provide breakfast and dinner each day (hopefully sharing with host family)
- **Family time:** Hanging out each evening with family and independently. TV and Internet access most welcome!

Please contact Max ASAP with any questions or to offer your home as a host.



Easter at Second Church



Please note that the Easter Sunrise Service will be taking place outdoors as usual.

Women's Fellowship Scholarship Program for Graduating High School Seniors

The Women's Fellowship of Second Church has established a Scholarship Program to honor and acknowledge the young people who have been involved in the life of the church.

High school graduating seniors who will be attending college in the fall of 2018 are encouraged to apply. Contact Gloria in the church office at 203.869.9311 or email womensfellowship@2cc.org, and we will email you an application



All applications due by March 30, 2018



Prayer Vigil

Following the Maundy Thursday evening service, our overnight prayer vigil will begin, and will continue until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30. A feature of Holy Week at 2CC for the last 16 years, the vigil offers a powerful experience for private prayer in the Sanctuary, which is illuminated by a single light, focused from the base of the cross.

Some come with a plan for their prayers, some read Scripture or find other devotional reading and go where it takes them, and some simply sit and "listen for God" in the silence. Most find that the hour passes quickly, and that Easter is more powerful as a result. Join us! A sign-up sheet is available in Fletcher Hall.