

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

April 17, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

On behalf of our church staff and the Church Council, a very Happy Easter!

Last Sunday evening, Liz and I caught the first installment of PBS' patient and faithful six-part dramatization of Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*. I hope you are watching it, too.

It is a testament to how deeply the famous musical version of that story has seeped into my heart that it seemed strange to see it told without the "right" soundtrack.

But the pain, strength, and ultimately the dignity of Jean Valjean come through even more clearly.

Trapped in a world that has decided it knows "what he is" — a criminal — Valjean finds, particularly through the compassion and generosity of a rural bishop, that he can live redeemed. Start anew.

As the bishop tells him, "I have bought your soul for God."

One could be forgiven for missing it, but *Les Miserables* is about the power of the Easter story, told against the backdrop of the fall of Napoleon and then the renewed stirring of revolution.

Its promise that there is more to us than our sins, and its belief in the power of love and sacrifice in the light of redemption, should remind us of the Gospels.

It should also remind us that the Gospels are written, not as an account of something that happened long ago, but as a testament to what God is doing now. Today. All around us. And in our own lives.

So wherever Easter finds you this year, and whatever your heart may be carrying that stands in need of God's love and healing, we hope that you will find a way to hold space for the renewal of Easter.

If you are in town, we count on you to join us.

Easter proclaims that Jesus himself has bought our souls for God. There is more to us than our shortcomings, and more to our story than a slow descent into the old ways, the former assumptions, and the customary arrangements.

Easter says that a new chapter has begun.

Come rejoice with God's people as it begins.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



Holy Week 2019

Palm Sunday: April 14 at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday: April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 21
Sunrise Service at 6:05 a.m.
Festival Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Max's Sermon this Sunday
is based on
Scripture from:
Luke 24:1-12**

**If you would like to hear
past Sermons you can
find them on our
website: 2cc.org**

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." We recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items. The church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. You can also sign-up via email pam@2cc.org.

Easter at Second Church



**Maundy Thursday
April 18**

**Dinner & Tenebrae Service
6:00 p.m.**

Tenebrae Service & Prayer Vigil

Following the Maundy Thursday evening service on April 18, our overnight prayer vigil will begin, and will continue until 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 19. A feature of Holy Week at 2CC for the last 17 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.



Good Friday
Service
7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunrise Service
6:05 a.m.



**EASTER
FESTIVAL
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21
FESTIVAL SERVICE:
10:30 A.M.**

Upcoming Events

Greenwich Moms' Group

Moms' Group
Tuesday at
9:30 a.m.

May 7
June 4

Moms' Night
Thursday at
7:00 p.m.

May 16
June 13

Contact Jessica@2cc.org for more information

[Click here to Email Jessica](#)

Do you "Like" us?



It was another busy week at 2CC!
Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) & be sure to tag us in
any of your #2CCGreenwich photos!

Coming this Summer...



join us!

**TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALLGAME**
2CC GAME DAY AFTER CHURCH

Mets vs. Tigers
Sunday, May 26th
Gametime is at 1:10

We'll meet at the church at 1145am
and carpool to the game.

RSVP
Cost is \$65/ticket
Pay via cash, check, or card swipe at the church.
You can give your payment to
Rev. Shawn or put it in his church mailbox.



SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GREENWICH, CT

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
2019**



June 24-28

Ages 4-5th Grade
9:00 a.m. - noon daily

FOR MORE INFORMATION & SIGNUP PLEASE
VISIT 2CC.ORG OR
EMAIL: VBSCAMP@2CC.ORG

[Click here to RSVP to the
Ballgame](#)

[Email Jessica for more](#)



Performing Arts Camp 2019

JULY 8-12

Act I: 9:00-12:00

Grades 1-4

Movement for Kids, Group Singing, Beginning Improv, Two Small Group Lessons (per student), and Special Guests

Act II: 1:00-4:00

Grades 5-12

Improv Warm-Ups and Games, Musicals, Dance, Singing, Private Voice Lessons (15 minutes each, two per student), Audition Prep, Musical Theatre Show of the Day, and Special Guests

Finale: End-of-the-Week Showcase for Act I & II

Cost: \$300.00 for the week per student (Discounts For Siblings, Scholarships Available). All classes/activities take place at Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

For more information please visit 2cc.org

[Email Alexander for more information](#)