



## Join us for Worship Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

February 28, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Well...don't bet against the groundhog. Don't ever do that.

I am pleased to pass along that on Sunday afternoon, as we were driving off to our next thing as a family and made the turn from Maple to Putnam, we saw the crocuses starting to bloom on Put's Hill.

The yellow ones always come first, and there they were — a few, anyway, and only just arrived, closed up like beach umbrellas left out overnight.

But still.

Seeing the crocuses, even just the early ones, always lifts me.

Nature knows things we don't know.

The weather hasn't been rough this winter (yeah, yeah: now cue the unpredicted March 1st blizzard), but somehow, rough or not, spring always feels too long in getting here.

St. Patrick's Day will almost certainly be a little colder than I want at this point.

It will take me almost the full month of April to figure out what coat to wear.

The woods will look like plants someone forgot to water.

It won't be winter, but it will only sort of feel like spring.

Except that the groundhog has spoken, and the crocuses have agreed, and so even in the world's protracted waiting, we know that it won't be long now.

New life is already stirring...already showing...and is soon to make its debut.

Thanks be to God.

See you in church,

Max

Sermons are always available online:  
[2CCSermons](#)

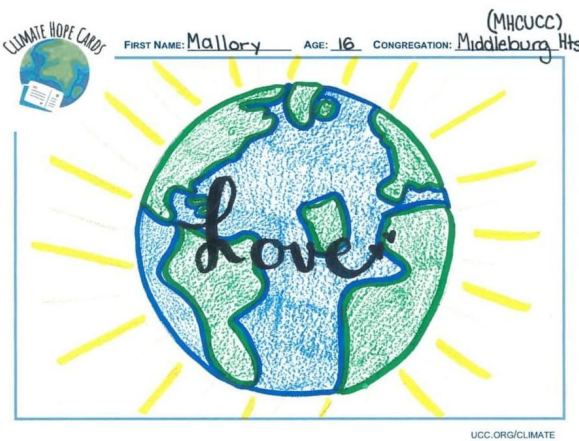
If you can't make it in person, join us via [Livestream for our 10:30 a.m.](#) Sunday service.

### Children's Chapel at 2CC

Nursery care for infants to age 4 starts at 10:15 a.m. Deacons can help direct you to our nursery room. Children ages kindergarten and up are encouraged to start worship with their parents at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Those who wish may depart for Children's Chapel and Choir with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Click here to register for Children's Chapel](#)



Calling all artists for the UCC Vote for Climate Hope Art Contest! Children and Youth welcome to participate with the link below individually. We will also be creating projects this month in children's chapel.

[Learn more about the Vote for Climate Hope Contest](#)

## Mark your calendars...

**Winter-Spring Yoga continues through April 1**  
Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel  
Cost is \$20/class

[Email Jenny with questions about Yoga](#)

# Welcoming Hearts

Creating Stronger Communities Through Hospitality and Connection

Tuesday, March 12

11:00 a.m.

Lunch immediately following (Cost \$20)

2CC Women's Fellowship invites you to our March Gathering featuring Guest Speaker, Jenny Byxbee, 2CC Minister of Care and Connection, and adjunct chaplain at Norwalk Hospital.

Together we are going to explore the importance of hospitality and community. How we can be welcomed, seen, loved and how that manifests in our own lives and community.

RSVP to: Pam@2cc.org

**RSVP to Pam for March 12 Event**

## St. Patrick's Day Potluck!

**Sunday, March 17**

Join us in the chapel immediately following worship for a pre-parade potluck with Special guests from Lynn Academy of Irish Dance

All are welcome to leave their cars at 2CC and walk to the parade starting at Greenwich Town Hall.  
Sign up using the link below...

**Click here & sign up to bring something to the potluck**



# GOOD FRIDAY VBS

GOD'S LOVE IS EVERYWHERE!

**Friday, March 29**  
**9:00 a.m. - 11:30**

A special Good Friday Vacation Bible School including feet washing, a swim at the YMCA pool & a pancake lunch!

**K-Grade 5: \$25**

**Children under 5:** must be accompanied by a guardian

**Grades 6-12:** welcome to attend as CITs and for High School service hours

**Scholarships Available**

**Drop off and pick up at the  
Greenwich YMCA  
(50 East Putnam Avenue)**

Our Minister of Care and Connection, Jenny Byxbee, looks forward to seeing you there!

**RSVP no later than March 25**  
**Email [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)**

**[Click here to reserve your spot for VBS](#)**

# Easter is Coming...

## Holy Week at 2CC



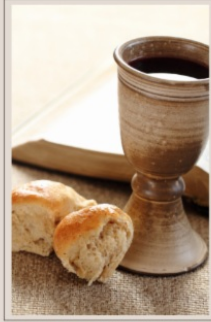
### Palm Sunday

March 24

8:30 &

10:30 a.m.

*Children's Palm Processional at  
10:30 a.m. service*



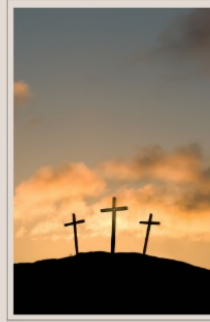
### Maundy Thursday

March 28

Meal at 6:15 p.m.

Tenebrae Service at

7:00 p.m.

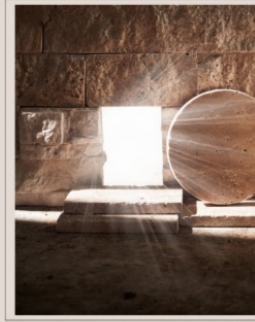


### Good Friday

March 29

7:30 p.m.

*We will worship with our  
UCC neighbors at  
First Congregational Church  
in Old Greenwich*



### Easter Sunday

March 31

6:23 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

*Easter Egg Hunt following  
10:30 a.m. service*

## Details at 2CC.org

Holy Week 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 29. A feature of Holy Week at 2CC for the last 22 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 deacon will also be available to help people sign up after the 10:30 Worship service for the next two weeks or to sign up online, email [Pam@2cc.org](mailto:Pam@2cc.org).

*Great fun last weekend at Teddy Bear Story  
Hour and Coffee & Connection...*



Teddy Bear Story hour was a bear blast...  
Our next story hour is  
Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 a.m. with  
a special bunny guest!



Next Coffee and Connection is Saturday,  
March 30 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the  
Chapel. All hands on deck to sip coffee  
and stuff 3000 eggs. Extra candy and  
plastic eggs donations are welcome!

Details to follow...

## Around Town...

*Six  
Women  
Photographers*

March 6 - July 7, 2024

The Greenwich Historical Society is pleased to present LIFE: Six Women Photographers, featuring the work of six prominent women photographers whose iconic work for LIFE magazine helped create modern photojournalism as it depicted a quickly-evolving world. On view March 6-July 7, 2024, the exhibition features more than 70 images by Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971), Marie Hansen (1918-1969), Martha Holmes (1923-2006), Lisa Larsen (ca. 1925-1959), Nina Leen (ca. 1909-1995) and Hansel Mieth (1909-1998)—the only women employed as full-time photographers by LIFE between the late 1930s and the early 1970s.

Visit the Greenwich Historical Society website for more  
information

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