



April 5, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

In the next few days, we will mark some of the holiest and most powerful events in the life of Jesus — culminating in the great celebration of Easter on Sunday.

His promise of new and abundant life was meant to be more than a promise of Heaven. It was a way to describe God's continuing movement in and through Creation, whether in the form of healing or in other ways, such as a new sense of inner peace, or new strength to undertake something difficult but important. Perhaps finding one's voice or vocation might be understood as expressions of that new life, too.

It's a reminder that wherever we may be on our faith journey, we have all had moments when we've encountered what Jesus promised. We've all had small moments of Easter in our own lives.

Those moments offer us a way into the purposefully immense claims that the Church makes on the actual day, itself.

The joy and excitement we feel when a new breeze starts blowing in our own lives is a sign of God's purposes, not just even more fully and completely for us, but ultimately, for everything and everyone.

Easter is a promise that all of us will one day find fulfillment in God's vision.

On behalf of the Council and Deacons of our church, I hope you will join us to celebrate that promise. And wherever you are in the days ahead, I hope that you will feel its power moving through your life, leading you to deeper faith, hope and love.

Happy Easter.

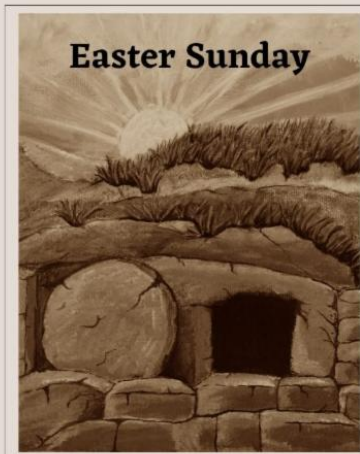
See you in church,



Holy Week at 2CC



Good Friday
7:00 p.m.



6:23 & 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt following
10:30 a.m. service

Maundy Thursday

At 6:15 p.m. all are welcome to join us for a light supper of soup and bread for adults, grilled cheese and applesauce for children.

At 7:00 p.m. we will have an interactive service in our sanctuary. Children will receive a special goody bag to help brighten the sanctuary as we observe this Holy Day. Children are always welcome to wear pajamas for evening services, and to come in and out as families' schedules and bed time schedules permit.

Good Friday

The Good Friday service will be a combined effort with First Congregational Church and Second Congregational Church. The service starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It is based on the last seven (7) words of Christ.

Easter Sunday

All welcome at our 10:30 a.m. Festival Service! We encourage all ages, infant to senior, to worship together on Easter Sunday. The nursery will be open as wiggle room for parents to come with the children as needed. Bring your baskets! Following our 10:30 a.m. service we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt along with special small animals who will engage young and old alike.

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.

Hymns for Easter Sunday...

Join us in the singing of our hymns this Sunday which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Hymns for this Sunday

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Combined Choirs with
First Church
Good Friday, April 7

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

6:00 p.m.

Hallelujah!

One of the highlights of our Easter service is the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." Each year, we extend the invitation to our congregation to join our chancel choir in singing this traditional classic. We hope that you will consider adding your voice in proclaiming the joy of this holy day through song.

Sheet music will be available for everyone, or you can download a copy and rehearse with your favorite YouTube choir in preparation for Sunday's performance.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

[Click here for a copy of the Hallelujah Chorus](#)

Mark your calendars...

Last Chance to signup for Good Friday VBS!

There was a waitlist but a few more spots were made available. Please email Jenny if you would like information about VBS on Friday.

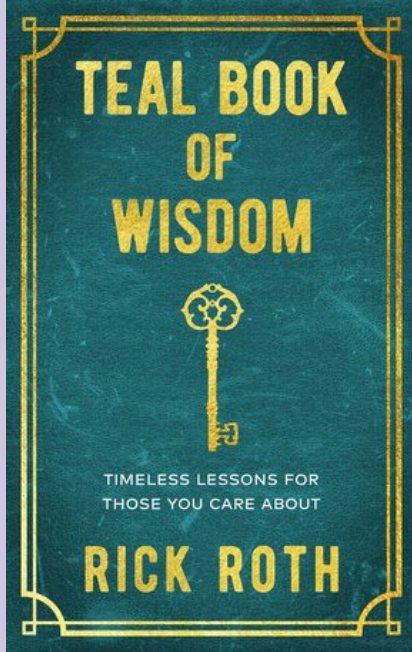
[Click here to email Jenny](#)



**Women's Fellowship invites you to a
Book Discussion & Luncheon
Tuesday, April 11
10:45 a.m.**

On the day of his grandfather's funeral, Rick was handed a very special gift: an old weathered teal journal. Inside were pages upon pages of musings, lessons, experiences, quotes, and wisdom from the very man he had just laid to rest.

Unbeknownst to him, his grandfather had been



scribbling things for him in this journal since Rick was born, as a way to share, with his only grandchild, the wisdom he had gathered through the years.

Now, thirty years later, author Rick Roth has compiled his own Teal Book of Wisdom to share – not only with his loved ones, but with you. Within its pages you'll find stories, not only from his own life, but from the lives of many remarkable people he has met along the way. Each story carries a lesson or piece of wisdom that you can then carry with you on your own life journey.

And who knows, maybe along the way you'll be inspired to create your own Teal Journal of Wisdom.

[Order the Book](#)

[Learn more about Rick](#)

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Last week at 2CC...

“They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” John 12:13.





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