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Live in Hope



Rainbow photo by Amy Melvin.

As we mark the one-year anniversary of living under pandemic restrictions, it is remarkable to think about how much we have changed our habits and expectations. While there will be some things we may continue after the pandemic (like conducting more of our business online, or zooming with family members) many things we will be only too glad to let go of in favor of in person alternatives.



The worship team and I are thinking about spiritual reversals in this Lenten season – a reflection of the reversals in so many lives right now. Life remains upside down for many of us, which has a way of bringing into focus the things that matter – what we cannot do, and what we would like to do when “things are back to normal.” Jesus uses the language of spiritual reversals when he says to his disciples, “to die is to live, and to live is to die.” Pointing out that every grain of wheat is destined to die, but if it dies, it can bear much fruit.

A single grain of wheat has potential:

- To be incorporated into a loaf of fresh bread
- for the seed to grow into a new plant
- for an abundant harvest in the years ahead

In other words, with the eyes of faith, we can see past current circumstantial obstructions and focus on the new thing that is coming into being. When one thing stops, something else can begin. There is a hymn called “Sing My Song Backwards” which goes:

Sing my song backwards from end to beginning, Friday to Monday, from dying to birth. Nothing is altered, but hope changes everything: sing “Resurrection!” and “Peace upon Earth!”

As Lent begins while the world seems upside down, we can still live in hope. Join us in worship, learning, and service this month. New things are happening.

Keeping the Faith,

Erica

The Reverend Erica Wimber Avena,
Interim Senior Pastor

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Worship with us! All services are archived online to watch anytime at: https://bit.ly/FC_Sunday_Worship

<p>MARCH 7, Lent 3 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 “Foolish Wisdom” Rev. Amie Giguere</p>	<p>MARCH 14, Lent 4 Ephesians 2:1-10 “Values and Rip-offs” Rev. Erica Wimber Avena Music with the Jolly Beggars Taizé Worship, 5 p.m.</p>	<p>MARCH 21, Lent 5 John 12:20-33 “A Grain of Wheat Presages the Harvest” Rev. Erica Wimber Avena</p>	<p>MARCH 28 Palm/Passion Sunday Mark 11:1-11 “Following the Way” Rev. Susan Izard Celtic Worship, 5 p.m.</p>
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Church Family News

■ You may submit your prayer requests to our pastors online at any time: http://bit.ly/FCprayer_request

■ **Joanne Day** passed away on February 11, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband **Al**, and her children **Mike**, **Lindsay**, **Christopher**, and extended family members. A memorial service is planned for later this year. ■ **Nicole Dickinson**, one of our Adult Choir section leaders for the past decade, and her husband, **Nick**, welcomed their son, **Oliver Ralph**, into the world on February 11th at 9:15am. Jim Boratko officiated at their wedding in 2017.

If you have an announcement to share, please call the office at 860-233-9605, x111.

Call to the 2021 Annual Meeting

of the Congregation via Zoom

Notice is hereby given that a Congregational Meeting of the First Church of Christ Congregational of West Hartford, Connecticut, UCC, will be held via Zoom on Sunday, March 7, 2021 starting at about 11:15 a.m. to transact the following items of business:

1. To consider and vote on the minutes of the Annual Meeting of First Church held on March 8, 2020.
2. To consider and vote on the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Congregation held via Zoom on May 3, 2020 regarding several areas of church life being impacted by the newly emerging COVID-19 outbreak.
4. To consider and vote on a proposal approved by the Business Team and the Coordinating Team for expenditures of up to \$30,000 for video technology to enable live-streaming and up to \$15,000 for audio upgrades.
5. To consider and vote on the proposed slate of Officers, Team Leaders and Team Members for First Church for the coming year,
6. In accordance with the By-laws of First Church, action will be taken only on matters included in this Call to Meeting.

Notice given on February 14, 2021

Charlie Goodwin, Secretary of First Church

The Outreach Team Wants Your Used Bikes and Bags!

On Saturday April 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. we will be collecting gently used bicycles and small used or new suitcases.

Hartford Cycles focuses on providing access for kids who have not historically had access to cycling due to economic or racial barriers. One major barrier is access to a safe bike, the tools to repair it, and replacement parts. A bike drive will provide our group the "raw materials" needed for us to teach basic mechanical skills while assembling a functioning bike. What is needed: • Adult and young adult bicycles in used condition. • Bike shop quality bikes. • Wheels, parts, or partly functional bikes. • Cycling/sport clothing.

Bags for Adelbrook Adelbrook is a licensed, certified, residential treatment facility serving children and young adults who are on the autism spectrum or have other behavioral/health challenges. Adelbrook's Transitional Academy for high school graduates helps young adults acquire life skills. Please consider donating gently used luggage and sturdy totes to give these young people a hand.

From the Moderator

At our Annual Meeting every March, we vote to accept the new slate of officers, team leaders and team members who lead us in areas of outreach/mission, Inreach/parish care, spirit/worship, business/finance, and strategy.

Sometimes, when asked to serve in a church role, we are concerned about whether or not such a commitment might be a burden. Four years ago, when I was asked to serve as Vice Moderator of First Church, it certainly caused me to pause for consideration. After some discernment, I accepted.

I discovered that such "work" was and is not a burden. It is putting one's faith into action. It has been a privilege to be on a leadership team working alongside so many persons who are committed to doing just that: taking action that is consistent with one's faith.

"Action" happens in a myriad of ways. To name a few, it means that we work to ensure backpacks are filled for children who need supplies. Or that we make calls to congregants who are alone. Or we pledge and provide offerings, and work to ensure the pledges are combined with other gifts to support the church and its wider missions. Or that interesting worship services and activities – such as the Colossal Puppets or the Living Nativity – help expand our experiences of the scriptures. Or that we support and address social justice issues through letters to one's representatives or showing up for GHIAA events. The opportunities are numerous. Our church provides the framework and organizational structure to accomplish so much more than what we as individuals could do.

I hope you respond to requests this year to be on workgroups and to support the activities of the teams and workgroups, because many of these ideas come from – and are supported by – you. We need your thoughts, your voice, and your creative ideas for what it means to **be** the church, and not just **come** to church.

Unfortunately, we cannot really come to church right now. But we can be the church. Our response to the novel coronavirus has spurred our leadership teams into learning more about how technology can help us. We know we need to be attentive to reaching all members of our community wherever they are. We also need to reach out continuously to those who may not even realize we are trying to connect with them. We have so much more to learn.

By using some of this new technology, we will not always know where our reaching out might take root. As in the parable of the mustard seeds, we can plant seeds of faith in fertile soil and be reasonably sure that something should take root. But it is an act of faith to scatter those mustard seeds in rocky areas and be attentive to what takes root there as well.

Parables get us thinking, and we add our life experiences to those thoughts. Seeds have the ability to grow even in the harshest environments. We would call that a miracle. And miracles are what are needed. So, we should be sowing seeds of faith everywhere, not just in the most obvious places. Our use of technology may take us to places we never knew we could go, and thereby reach persons we never knew we could reach.

Thank you being a supportive and faithful church community this past year. We have experienced some novel times as a faith community. And, with creativity we have met the challenges while also looking expectantly to the future to see what we can do – together. The new slate of officers and leaders, led by Eleanor Wight as moderator, is faithful and strong. They will guide us through the upcoming year. Let us offer a prayer of support for them as we work to be an active and faithful community known as First Church.

Selah, Judy Schmitt, Moderator

“Live” Music to Enjoy!

Even though First Church’s “Arts in the Center” Concert Series couldn’t happen fully in our building this year, we have organized two virtual live streaming concerts this spring for you to enjoy on our church’s Youtube channel!

Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m.: The Jolly Beggars

The Jolly Beggars return to the Arts in the Center series for the first time in years! You may know members of the band from their musical contributions to First Church’s monthly Celtic worship services - now come see the full band! The Jolly Beggars have been performing their arrangements of traditional Celtic folk music around the northeast since 2009 and have released four albums together, most recently in November 2018. The band performs music that is largely Celtic in origin (Irish and Scottish), with some pieces coming from an extension of that music in other cultures. Get your St. Patrick’s week started off right with The Jolly Beggars!



Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m.: Hiroya Tsukamoto

Hiroya came to First Church in January 2016 as part of an American tour, and now he will be returning for a live streaming performance! Hiroya is from Kyoto, Japan, and currently living in New York City. He is a composer, guitarist, and singer-songwriter who studied at Berklee College of Music and has released three records as part of Interoceanico and three solo records. The Boston Herald writes, “Hiroya Tsukamoto takes us to an impressionistic journey,” and his music is, according to Jazz Review.com, “zealously recommended!”



Both concerts will be streaming live from our Youtube channel. The easiest way to find us on YouTube is to go to whfirstchurch.org, and click on the YouTube logo at the top right. Enjoy! (Both concerts will be archived on our channel if you aren’t available to watch live.)

Welcome Sarah!

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Kopp joined our staff as an Administrative Assistant on February 10th. Sarah recently worked as a Library Media Teaching Assistant for the West Hartford Public Schools. She has two daughters in college and lives with her husband in West Hartford. In her spare time, she likes to garden, cook and hike. Welcome Sarah!



Updates from the Search Committee

After a few adjustments suggested by members of the congregation, the Senior Pastor Search Committee has sent the draft of our church profile to the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ for review and validation. In this case, “validation” will signify that the church is in good standing with the conference, that the information on our ministerial history is complete, and that the financial information is presented thoroughly.

Once this process is finalized, the Senior Pastor position at First Church will be posted on the national UCC website. As we enter the next phase of our work, the Search Committee will continue preparations to receive and review profiles from interested candidates.

With thanks for your continued support and prayers,
Amber Rottman, Amy Melvin, Doug Evarts, Glen MacLeod, Liz Oman-Wilfred, Robert Schunder, Ryan Mannix, Seth Holmes, and Suzanne Carnes

One Great Hour of Sharing Will Support Texas and Other Groups

For over 70 years, the One Great Hour of Sharing has provided churches of many denominations around the world the opportunity to help our neighbors in need. This special Lenten mission offering supports disaster and refugee/immigration and development throughout the world and the opportunity to share God’s love with our neighbors. This month make your contribution through the church website Giving by clicking on One Great Hour of Sharing. Or, Text OGHS to (860)222-7870. The need is great and so is our calling.

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Rev. Amie Stuart Giguere, Acting Associate Pastor
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DUE DATE for TIDINGS: The next deadline is MARCH 14th, for the APRIL issue. Please send items to Joy Taylor: joy.taylor@whfirstchurch.org
DUE DATES for SUNDAY NOTES & eNEWS: Submissions are due each Tuesday by noon to Suzanne: suzanne.nardi@whfirstchurch.org.

THANK YOU

Due to your generous support, our Outreach Mission donated more than \$19,000 in money and food to our mission partners in 2020. We have heard from many of our mission partners during Sunday worship, and here are some words of gratitude:

Loaves and Fishes: "we are so proud of our relationship with First Church. We appreciate your commitment to our clients. Your volunteers and church membership are truly a blessing to our program, staff, and clients."

Covenant to Care social worker, Marcia Watson: "I was pleased and full of joy to see the parents when they received the gifts for the children...and a special thank you to Janice and her team for all their work to make this possible. "

Interval House: "your support means so much right now."

The Town That Cares: "I am filled with gratitude for the kindness of the community....assistance may include help with groceries, utility bills, shelter, medical expenses, clothing, and other needs."

IRIS: "your invaluable contributions have allowed IRIS's doors to remain open to serve over 1,300 displaced people, now building their lives in CT!"

Journey Home: "Your gift brings us one step closer toward fulfilling our mission of focusing on solving the problem of homelessness rather than simply managing it."

Hands on Hartford: "Thank you so very much for this gift—and all your generosity and support over the years and during these challenging times."

Food Share: "Because of you, we can be there for our neighbors in a time like this, and if they are struggling with the impact of COVID-19, they will not have to worry how they will put food on the table."

APK Charities: "With your good will and belief in our cause to support Veterans and Gold Star families, we remain excited about our mission to serve as a bridge connecting our civilian population to our military families."

My Sister's Place: "With your help, we remain committed to continue to providing a safe and nurturing environment for those who find themselves without a home."

Fresh Place: " With your donation, Freshplace helps more than 300 families living in the poorest neighborhoods of Hartford who do not have access to healthy food. Thank you all for your generous gift and for helping to transform lives! We are so very grateful!"



Academy is Looking Ahead!

There is nothing more spring like than a baby lamb! Academy parent, Melissa Cunningham, brought us one week old, Laurel. It was exactly the lift we needed to bring us through this winter that is like no other! Laurel's nuzzling and "baa-ing" delighted the children and warmed the hearts of those of us able to witness their amazement. Holding this warm, woolly lamb renewed my optimism that things will be ok!



Many of you have asked about the Academy staff and vaccinations. As child-care workers/teachers we do fall into the state's phase 1B. We will be notified regarding scheduling appointments after our 65+ population is complete. We are all anxious to get our appointments and will feel much more confident working with families and children daily with the vaccine!

Many thanks to our families and church members who donated generously to our Love Collection. Hundreds of toiletries and supplies were delivered to the South Park Inn in Hartford. We will continue to collect food for the church's ongoing food drive knowing that food insecurity is a top concern.

If you would like any information regarding the Academy programs, please reach out to Dawne Quinn at dquinn@first-churchacademy.org or call 860-232-2106.

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me

Open unto me, light for my darkness
 Open unto me, courage for my fear
 Open unto me, hope for my despair
 Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
 Open unto me, joy for my sorrow
 Open unto me, strength for my weakness
 Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion
 Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins
 Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness
 Open unto me, love for my hates
 Open unto me, Thy Self for myself

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

- Howard Thurman

Prayer for
Lent 2021



Coffee Hour on Zoom – Please join us!

The First Church coffee hour takes place live, each Sunday at 11 a.m. Many church members and staff members join in, and the photo above shows an attempt to show the love hearts on Valentines Day. If you haven't dropped in, please come. If you feel Zoom coffee hour isn't your cup of tea, so to speak, then that's okay too, but just remember –pajamas are allowed, the coffee is excellent, and the company is even better!

Reminder: As seen in February Tidings, Registration for the summer programs is now open. Visit: silverlakect.org/summercamp.





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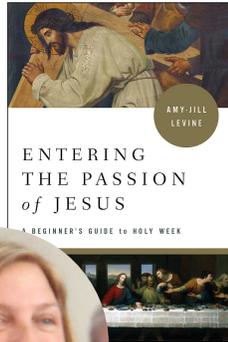
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Staff Hours:
 Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Curbside Services
 2 to 3 p.m. on Mondays or
 by appointment.

Lenten Book Study

Our Lenten book study, led by Rev. Amie Giguere, continues throughout March at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings (3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30). Using short videos and readings from Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, we will explore the events of Holy Week and uncover fresh insights into the familiar stories -- specifically addressing the notion of risk-taking as a necessary act in the service of certain ethical and spiritual values. According to Levine, "Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with danger and the potential for great loss or great reward, risking reputation, rejection, and his very life." Levine's wry and inviting style, coupled with her deep understanding of Jewish history and culture, provides a coherent narrative of Holy Week for seekers of all backgrounds. We hope you will be able to join us! Books are available to borrow or purchase (\$10) through the JPW Library's curbside service (Mondays, 2-3 pm) or by appointment. Click here to register. http://bit.ly/Lenten_Bookstudy



Ongoing Services

- Reference and reader's advisory services by phone and email
- Curbside service 2-3 p.m. on Mondays, and by appointment
- Device advice to talk you through your gadget's cyber issues
- Church Archives access for researchers
- Place a hold over the phone, or via the JPWL online catalog

JPW Library Book Groups

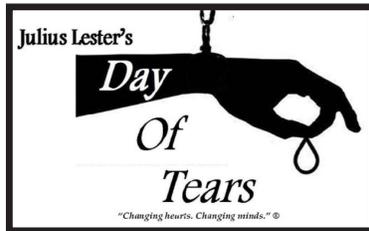
Books are available at the JPWL via curbside service on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. Please contact the library to arrange an alternate pick-up time or to join the discussion.

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT led by Minister of Spiritual Life Susan Izard, meets Mondays at noon via Zoom. They will be reading *Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic* by Matthew Fox. As an anchoress (one who lives a solitary, religious life), Julian of Norwich "sheltered in place" during the bubonic plague and throughout her life. "A theologian way ahead of her time, Julian held a feminist understanding of God as mother at the heart of nature's goodness. Matthew Fox shares her teachings in this powerful and inspiring book." Pick up your copy at the JPW Library Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. or by appointment.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT led by JPWL director Jennifer deSimas, meets on the first Thursdays of each month. Their next meeting is 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 to discuss Lisa See's *The Island of the Sea Women*. "1938. On an island off the South Korean coast, an ancient guild of women divers reckons with the depredations of modernity. Known as haenyeo, they don't display the usual female subservience of their culture. Empowered by the income they derive from their diving, haenyeo are heads of households; their husbands mind the children and do menial chores. Young-sook, the book's narrator, tells of her family and her ill-fated friendship with Mi-ja, her life-long friend, as they take up their positions as 'baby divers.'" Books are available through the library. Please contact the library to join the group.

"Day of Tears" New Date!

We are excited to share the news that the John P. Webster Library's scheduled stage reading of "Day of Tears," has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m.!



Author Julius Lester brings history to life with this novel-in-dialogue, adapted for the stage by Laurie Maria Cabtal of the Hole in the Wall Theater. "Day of Tears" tells the story of the largest sale of enslaved individuals in American history. In early March, 1859 Georgia plantation owner Pierce Butler sold over 450 people to cover his gambling debts, an action that would affect hundreds of lives for generations to come. The day was thereafter known as the "Day of Tears."

Join Laurie Maria Cabral and the "Day of Tears" cast for this public, one-time performance via Zoom. Register here. Bitly link: http://bit.ly/DOT_March7

This is a free community event, open to all. Please be advised that strong language and allusions to violence are present in the performance and may not be suitable for certain audiences, including very young children.

PUZZLES & GAMES @ the JPWL!

Are you a winter jigsaw puzzle fan? Does your family have a board game night? The JPWL has great news for you: We have a nice collection of jigsaw puzzles and board games available to borrow. Our game shelf includes Guess Who?, Castle Panic, Codenames, and Ticket to Ride, to name a few. Browse our online catalog to see our full inventory (suitable for children and adults), and call or email the library to reserve your choice. Pick up your items during curbside service: Monday afternoons, 2-3 p.m. These materials will follow our usual three-week loan period.



MARCH REACH OUT: THE BRIDGE FAMILY CENTER

The mission of the Bridge is “to foster the courage and strength in children and families to meet life’s challenges and build fulfilling lives”.



Last year the Bridge Family Center served 8,500 children and families. Their services are as diverse as the community they serve. Whether in schools, counseling centers, family resource center, or shelters, children, adults, and families in Greater Hartford can access the support they need, when they need it—and can expect to be met with care, respect, and optimism.

The Bridge offers counseling for anxiety, stress, depression, substance abuse, divorce, and other life issues. They provide residential services to homeless youth and teens, parenting support, and social development for children at their centers.

For more information or to donate to the Bridge Family Center: bridgefamilycenter.org or call 860-521-8035. Thank you for your support.



The donation drop off at Loaves and Fishes Ministries by Nancy Ball and Dottie Stone was very much appreciated by Mary (kitchen manager), and Hector (chef). The delivery included three carloads of canned goods and nine-hundred homemade cookies for the soup kitchen!

God is Great, God is Good

Dear cookie bakers, thank you so much for your outpouring of love, caring and generosity. It was amazing to watch cars drive through the parking with bags and bags of food and home baked cookies. We ended up with almost 900 cookies baked by 20 people. This will allow a special treat in many meals provided by Loaves and Fishes. I am forever grateful for your continued support with this meaningful outreach to those in need. Heartfelt thanks, Nancy Ball

Note, two carloads of food went to the West Hartford Food Pantry. Items most needed are canned fruit/ applesauce, canned pasta with meatballs, rice, tuna, cold cereal and baked beans. For more information, visit the town of West Hartford website and search food pantry: www.westhartfordct.gov

Thank You Mission Partners

Thank you to our Mission Partners who have provided segments on what our support means to them, especially this year. The recent participants are pictured here. Top, left to right:

- Ryan Pettengill, Gifts of Love
- Mary Jane Foster, IntervalHouse
- Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer, Silver Lake Conference Center
- Members of GHIAA spoke February 21.



Reach Out Donations

Each month the First Church Outreach Team designates “Reach Out” collections for a worthy organization of their choice.

Should you wish to add to our collection, please send in your check to the church and include “Reach Out” in the memo or make your donation online or through CCB. If you wish to donate to a different cause, please send the payment directly to that organization. They will provide you with the proper tax documentation. - Lisa R. Reed, Business Manager

**Drive-by, Food Donation (near Rotunda):
Mondays 2-3 p.m. and March 7, 10 a.m.-12p.m.**

Attention Easter Bunnies!

This continues to be a year of firsts! Although we are still meeting virtually, we will be working with our social workers to provide Easter Baskets for our Covenant to Care children who depend on us to brighten and make their Easter Day a happy occasion. In coordination with the monthly Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes and the West Hartford Food Pantry, empty Easter Baskets will be available outside the Rotunda on March 6, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for church members to pick up.

If this time is not convenient for you, please call Janice Carter Hall (860-305-0940) or Carole Carter (860-690-1338) beginning March 1, 2021 to arrange pick up or drop off of a basket to you. The Covenant to Care Committee will provide the Easter Basket, Easter grass, an age-appropriate suggestion list and a clear cellophane bag to put around the basket for each child.

Easter Baskets are due back no later than March 27, 2021. You may use the JPWL curbside time to drop them off, or call Janice or Carole to make arrangements. THANK YOU!



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Church School

Sunday school classes will continue to meet at 10am Sunday mornings via zoom. Reach out to Lauren at Lauren.dube@whfirstchurch.org for the link!

Our asynchronous lessons will continue as well, with special "worship-at-home" opportunities for our families! Lent-at-home kits are available and will contain all the materials for these activities, as well as other crafts, games and coloring pages to prepare for Easter. Please reach out to Lauren to receive a kit and the link to our virtual classroom.

Yoga classes are open to all

Nancy Murray holds yoga classes live, via Zoom on Tues. at 7 p.m. and Wed. and Thurs. 9:15 a.m. This has been a nice way to connect with our yoga community. Nancy is also holding a daily meditation class at 12:15 p.m. Email: nancy@deepeacect.com for links and fees.

Weekly Bible Study:

Tuesdays from 6 to 7 pm via Zoom. For more information, contact Jennifer deSimone at jwebster@whfirstchurch.org

Between the Notes

New Lenten program with Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts, takes place Thursday March 18 and 25 at 7 p.m.

Understanding the stories behind great musical works and how they are constructed can provide a deeper awareness and appreciation of the music that enriches our lives. Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts, will take us behind the music and explain why certain pieces have such an impact on us. Join him for a deeper understanding of the Requiem, by Gabriel Fauré. Jim will go into the background of the piece, the composer, and the creative elements he employed that makes this work stand out among the greatest sacred choral works of all time. Register on CCB here: <https://whfirstchurch.ccb-church.com/goto/forms/160/responses/new>

Music Worth Noting

The Jolly Beggars will provide music in worship on March 14.

