

Responding to God's love, we are First Congregational United Church of Christ, an inclusive, ecumenical, and spiritual people, who through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach seek to embrace the mystery of God.



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## “A BALM IN GILEAD: REMEDIES FOR THE SIN-SICK SOUL”

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent

In her book, *Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life*, Kathleen Norris reconsiders sin in light of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. These ancients of the Christian tradition fled Roman culture when Christianity became the dominant religion after 312 AD. It was as if they knew they could not engage in authentic Christian spiritual practice living under the control of the Roman Empire. In their worldview, sin was a matter of fact, a facet of what it means to be human. They viewed sin as a soul sickness in the same way a virus causes sickness in the body. And, as a doctor would prescribe a remedy for a physical ailment, the desert monastics would prescribe remedies for a sin-sick soul.

This intrigued the Worship Planning Team when we met in November to plan our Lenten season. We began to consider which spiritual practices might serve as remedies to conditions that plague our souls. In an age of multi-tasking that takes away our appreciation for the present moment, Sabbath-keeping might be a remedy with real possibilities. In an age of material accumulation, fasting might produce tangible results. In an age of tourism, pilgrimage might transform travel into an uncommon experience with spiritual benefits.

Hence, the worship theme for the 2009 season of Lent at First Congregational UCC of Colorado Springs, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25 and concludes with sunrise on Easter morning: *A Balm in Gilead: Remedies for the Sin-Sick Soul*. We'll use the familiar African-American spiritual and engage five concrete practices that have the potential to heal us: Fasting, Pilgrimage, Sabbath-Keeping, Lectio Divina, and Centering Prayer.

Sin, as Reinhold Niebuhr put it, is the most verifiable fact in human history. But what do we do with sin? How can we understand and work with it so that it becomes a helpful concept rather than one to resist? If sin is the sickness, perhaps salvation is the goal. Remember that at the root of the word salvation is “salve,” meaning a balm which heals. This Lent we will be about the business of exploring and healing.



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To Inform & Inspire

The Communicator invites articles, notices, and letters relevant to the life of our congregation. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and correctness. Opinions expressed by writers do not necessarily reflect official FCC policy. For the next installment, please make submissions no later than Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Article submissions should be 500 words or less. Please use Times New Roman 12-point font and include your article as a Word attachment in your e-mail message to bjorkrobins@msn.com.

**PLYMOUTH CIRCLE**

PLYMOUTH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders' Room. Our hostesses will be Miriam Giese and Dolly Eager. Devotions will be given by Marilyn Johnson. The program, arranged by Janice Simonton, is titled, "A Tale of Trinidad." Guests are welcome to attend our afternoon of fun and fellowship.

**ADULT FORUM**

**March 1 & 8**

*Economic Depressions Past, Present & Future*  
Jim Bramwell, Tom Wenzlau & Alan Severn

**March 15**

*Israel & Palestine: Imagining New Conversations*  
Benjamin Broadbent

**March 22 & 29**

*Republican Virtue, Social Darwinism, and Eugenics--the Etiology of Racism in America*  
Mark Qualls

We will not meet on Palm Sunday (April 5) or Easter Sunday (April 12) but will return on April 19.

For updates, please check the FCC web site ([www.fcucc.org](http://www.fcucc.org)) - select Opportunities/Adult/Forum Schedule.

**POOPED OUT PARENTS**

Join us Saturday, April 4 at 6 p.m. for a Mediterranean potluck dinner and great fellowship at the home of Denise Ellsworth and Charles Kiskiras. Contact Denise or Charles at [CKiskiras@earthlink.net](mailto:CKiskiras@earthlink.net) (531-0151) for more information about this gathering, or POPs in general. Newcomers are always welcome.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS**

Contemplative Shawl Makers have been meeting together at FCC for three and a half years. The experience of shawl making in silence together has deepened the prayer lives of each of us. We listen to the writings of some of the greatest thinkers, theologians, poets and mystics and meditate on their thoughts. We silently walk in a circle placing our hands on and blessing each other's shawl-in-progress and on the finished shawls in the center. It is deeply moving to think of the ones who will soon be wearing the shawls and needing our prayers. The baptismal blankets are especially precious to us. Please pray for the shawl makers as they do this Holy Work for others. The groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.

*Our ministry ...*

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*Welcome, Wonder, Witness*

**TAIZÉ**

You're invited to enhance

your spiritual journey by attending weekly LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICES

Plan to worship with us each Thursday evening in March--  
**March 5, 12, 19 and 26.**

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**OLIVE OIL IS BACK!**

The J&P Committee is continuing sales of olive oil to benefit Palestinian farmer cooperatives and to send a committee member to a Sabeel-sponsored event this spring. This fair trade, cold-pressed, extra virgin olive oil from the Nabali tree is naturally organic due to ancient farming practices. The cost is \$20 per liter. Contact Paul Carpenter if you'd like to order a can. During March, the Committee will set up a table during fellowship hour where you can pick up your order.

**SABEEL TRIP TO ISRAEL**

Would you like to learn more about the situation in the Middle East and visit holy sites in Israel? *Friends of Sabeel - Colorado* is offering a two week guided trip from May 16<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$2000, excluding air fare and spending money. The objective of the trip is to learn more about what is needed to establish a just peace in the region, and to see first-hand the reality of Palestinian life and the impact of the occupation. Participants will stay in the Old City of Jerusalem, within easy walking distance of many historical sites. There will also be travel throughout Israel combining meeting with people working for peace, & touring the country, including Bethlehem and swimming in the Dead Sea!

Cyndy Kulp from FCC is planning on attending and would love to have a traveling companion from the church. Contact her for more information or send an e-mail to Joy Lapp, the Coordinator for Friends of Sabeel Colorado at [lappj@earthlink.net](mailto:lappj@earthlink.net). Joy is leading the trip along with Rev. Arnie Voigt, a retired Lutheran minister.

## MISSION MOMENTS

By Richard Grebenstein

It is a great deal of pleasure that the Mission Giving & Outreach (MG&O) committee announces the remaining 6 global 2008 recipients that received awards of \$1455.00 each in February 2009:

- **Kisumu Children's Foundation** which provide an all volunteer effort to make a difference with the overwhelming problems of disease and poverty in the global community of Africa.
- **Dille/Dunbar Fund** does important work in providing and building schools for Angolan young women in the global community of Angola, Africa.
- **Melel Xjobal** organization does important work in San Cristobal de Las Casa, Chiapas, Mexico with a mission to empower the indigenous urban and rural population, mainly children, with participatory process in education and communication, thus improving quality of life and reinforcing dignity.
- **La Puente Home** serving the homeless and impoverished populations of the San Luis Valley, by offering shelter, meals assistance with rent and utilities, and more.
- **Heifer Project International** who do a holistic approach to build sustainable communities to meet your mission of ending world hunger and poverty and caring for the earth in the global community.
- **Kisumu Hospice** provides, advocates, educates and partners to improve quality of life in the global community of sub-Saharan Africa with all people who are affected HIV/AIDS to have access to and to receive quality palliative and end-of-life care.

A special thanks to all the Congregants that pledge to missions to make a positive difference in our local and global communities.

## CHOIR PERFORMS LUX AETERNA

By Mandy Todd Moore

The Chancel Choir will perform Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* on May 31<sup>st</sup> as the culmination of the choral season. *Lux Aeterna*, composed in 1997, is a five movement work for choir and organ using settings of various Latin texts, each containing references to "Light."

"The power, relevance and finesse of *Lux Aeterna* speak to us each in our own language. Thus with our full attention and assent does it transport us over gossamer paths to a state of enlightenment and grace" (from program notes for *Lux Aeterna* at [www.mortenlauridsen.com](http://www.mortenlauridsen.com)).

The Chancel Choir will be preparing the piece at our Wednesday rehearsals from now until the performance, and at the 2009 Choir Retreat, featuring a workshop with Deborah Jenkins Teske, director of the Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble, on May 9. The choir is always accepting new members. If you are interested in singing with us for this exciting occasion, please contact Mandy Todd Moore, [mandy@fcucc.org](mailto:mandy@fcucc.org), by March 31, 2009.



## MUSIC FOR LENT

By Frank Shelton

Through out Lent we will sing the gospel hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead* as we focus on our Lenten theme "Remedies for the Sin-Sick Soul." Various church ensembles and soloists will offer their musical talent as we consider different spiritual practices that will help us on our Lenten journey.

On Sunday, March 1 the Joyful Noise Children's Choir will sing Hal Hopson's *I lift up my eyes* at the 9 a.m. service. The Chancel Choir will offer an arrangement of *There is a Balm in Gilead* at 11 a.m. On Sunday, March 8 the Bells of St. Vrain will provide music at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and the Chancel Choir will sing *Lead me Lord* by Wesley at 11 a.m. Mandy Todd Moore and Shannon Kilzer, sopranos, will offer Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Pie Jesu* at both services on March 15 and the Chancel Choir presents Brahms' beloved *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place* at 11 a.m.

The Flute Choir offers special music at both services on March 22 and at 11 a.m. the Chancel Choir sings *Hear the Voice and Prayer* by Thomas Tallis. Several selections from G.F. Handel's *Messiah* will be offered by Pam Lehmkuhl (*He was despised*) and Lee Lehmkuhl (*O Death where is thy Sting*) at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and the Chancel Choir will sing the chorus *But Thanks be to God* on March 29.

## FCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP INFORMATION

*Calling all Bibliophiles!*

Is reading your passion? Did you know that FCC has a Book Discussion Group? There is no joining or long-term commitment. Just check out the next book we are reading. If it interests you, grab a copy, read it, and join us!

The FCC Book Discussion Group meets quarterly in members' homes for a lively discussion of the selected novel. Typically, the group chooses one book from each of the following four categories each quarter:

- Classic
- Best Seller
- Spiritual/Religious Theme
- Southwestern/Western

Watch the church bulletins for details before each discussion meeting. RSVPs are requested so the host can plan for having sufficient desserts. Hope to see you at future book discussions!

### Next Meeting

Sunday, 29 March, 7 p.m. at Ellen Brown's home

Selected Book: *The Shack* by William P. Young, Wayne Jacobsen and Brad Cummings (spiritual theme)



## MAKING A PLANNED GIFT DURING AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN: IT'S NOT AS HARD (OR AS CRAZY) AS YOU MIGHT THINK!

By Bill Edmondson

I am honored to serve as the Chair of FCC's Planned Giving Committee. My wife Barbara and I are relatively new members, having joined in April, 2007. We have been fortunate to be able to actively support many worthy non-profit organizations with our volunteerism and financial resources. When church treasurer Bruce Warren contacted me about serving on this committee, I gave it careful consideration before agreeing. I'm not an expert in the area of estate plans, having been a geologist in my working years, but in developing my own estate plan I gained some practical knowledge. Eventually, I did agree to serve and am looking forward to collaborating with members of the Planned Giving and Stewardship Committees in this important work to ensure the future of FCC.

The first thing I'd like to communicate is that making an estate or planned gift to First Congregational Church does not have to be complicated!\* For example, here are three easy ways to make a legacy gift to the church:

- 1) Make the church the beneficiary of your qualified retirement plan, such as an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or SEP. Just fill out a *Change of Beneficiary Form* from your plan provider.
- 2) Make the church the beneficiary of a checking or saving account or a certificate of deposit upon your death. Ask your bank for a *Payment on Death Form*.
- 3) Make the church the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Ask your agent for a *Change of Beneficiary Form*. If you don't need your policy anymore, transfer ownership of the policy to us now, and you may qualify for an income tax deduction.

\*For any estate plan, it's always a good idea to seek professional advice from an attorney and/or tax professional.

Another option that may be beneficial to many during this economic downturn is a charitable gift annuity. These annuities provide lifetime monthly income, a portion of which may not be taxable. A portion of the donated funds is also not taxable for the year in which they are donated. For further information on how to make a planned gift of a charitable gift annuity, contact Ruth Roland at the church office or feel free to contact me at 636-2773.

Finally, I'd like to encourage members to access the church's website to view the information at [www.fcucc.org/willsandestateplanning](http://www.fcucc.org/willsandestateplanning). These pages, provided by the church's planned giving resource PhilanthroCorp, are full of valuable information on starting your own estate planning process.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**THANK YOU to...** Ted Lindeman for his inspiring children's message; **Andy Finn**, recycling; **Chris Bjork & Kris Jones**, editing monthly Communicators; **Communicator Mailing Team**; **Kathy Lindeman**, Communicator delivery; **Jennifer Haven**, **Neil Lehmkuhl**, & **Janice Simonton**, special mailing; **Margery Layton**, Thursday office support; **Melissa Hamilton**, office volunteer; **Spiritual Life Committee** for hosting the **Jane Vennard** retreat; **Musical Quartet** offering in worship; **Church Council** for Annual Meeting; **Sue Scott**, **Casey Tencick**, & **Peggy Lovelace** Sunday School workshop; **Judy Pickle & Janet Carpenter** for the capital projects' bulletin board in the Founders' Room; Our Audio Visual Team: **Paul Schwotzer**, **Tom Francis**, & **Brian Hofflander** for sound system installation.

**PRAYERS for...** **Betty Armstrong** home from hospital; **Frank Gazal**, **Jane Gazal's** brother, diagnosed with cancer; **Harriet Wallace** recovering from hip surgery; **Betty Ann Huger**, **Scott Huger's** mother, with health concerns; **JoAnne Henjum** recovering from back surgery; **Mil Clark**, hip surgery; **Judy Jones**, hip surgery; **Rose Mary Clark**, chemo treatment; **Truman Fox**, pending knee surgery; **Kathy Kreps** recovering from surgery; **Chris Pease** recovering from surgery; **Al Skinner** medical procedure; **Sharon Hunter** medical procedure; those who are currently **unemployed**; **Stephen Ministers** and their care receivers; **Ann Howard** home after hospital stay.

**CONDOLENCES to...** the family and friends of **Walter Field**, **Royce Field's** father, who died on 2/5/09. Services were held at Sunrise Assisted Living on 2/9/09; **Tim Tougas & Family** on the loss of Tim's father, **Gerald Tougas**; family and friends of **Lynn Pettit** who died on 1/5/08, services held at First

Congregational Church 1/13/09; **Bill Taylor**, family and friends on the loss of Bill's son, **Todd Taylor**; **Lisa Cook** and family on the death of Lisa's Aunt Rita; **Pat Dolin** on her many losses in the last month.

**CONGRATULATIONS to...** **Susie Bjork** on accepting a call to Bay Shore Community UCC, Longbeach, CA; **Ellen Brown** and **Ariel Kiskiras**, displaying artwork at the Student Art Gallery, (PPCC) throughout Feb; **Mary Ripper Baker** for her choreography of The Full Monty performance at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

**DEPLOYED MILITARY...** **Seth Sickels**, **Bruce Terry**, **Justin Niemiec**, **Michael McClure**, **Thomas Robbins** & **Andrew Carpenter**. Prayers of gratitude & safety surround them.

**CONTACT** Rev. **Jacque Franklin**, Associate Pastor, at 635-3549, or [jacque@fcucc.org](mailto:jacque@fcucc.org). For more church event details, visit [www.fcucc.org](http://www.fcucc.org).

## SHEKHINAH: A MOVEMENT MINISTRY OF FCC

Shekhinah (shékhīnāh, shuh-khee-nah) is the Hebrew word for dwelling or settling of God's presence in the temple. When we move our bodies with prayerful intention we create a dwelling place for God's presence.

*The mission of Shekhinah is to invite the members of First Congregational Church and the larger community to embody the healing love of God through movement.*

### Offerings:

*The Moving Word*

*Saturdays: 8:45 am warm up, practice begins promptly at 9 am*

*Through dance, scripture, and prayer, we invite you to deepen in to an embodied relationship with God. We will be studying the Psalms this year. Childcare available at no cost.*

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Do I have to be a church member to participate in the Offerings?**

No. All are welcome.

**What is the structure of the morning?**

We begin in a circle with a scripture reading and prayer. Then we dance for 45 minutes. Finally, we close the circle by rereading the scripture and with prayer.

**What do I wear and bring?**

Dress comfortably. You may dance with or without your shoes.

**What does it cost?**

*The Moving Word* is an activity sponsored by Shekhinah which is a ministry of First Congregational Church. This activity is offered at no charge, and is supported by the church and your generous donations.

**Do I need to have any dance experience prior to attending?**

No. You are invited to come as you are, dancing the integration of

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### March Birthdays

3/1 Rosemary DeBacker  
 3/2 Lynn Barber  
 3/2 Catherine Malek  
 3/3 Charles Burkett  
 3/3 Brad Marten  
 3/3 Christian Ridings  
 3/4 Aaron Brown  
 3/4 Lori Miskel  
 3/5 Bill Barton  
 3/5 A.K. Kulp  
 3/5 Neil Lehmkuhl  
 3/5 Eva Starr-Kerr  
 3/6 Steve Ferguson  
 3/6 Becky Weiss  
 3/7 LaRae Mitchell  
 3/7 Regina Rodriguez  
 3/8 Bob Howard  
 3/8 Bryan Olesen-Phelps  
 3/9 Elsa Barker  
 3/9 Karen Burt  
 3/9 Jon Doud  
 3/9 Megan Doud  
 3/10 Christopher Bjork  
 3/10 Quinn Turner  
 3/10 George Waterhouse  
 3/10 Patti White  
 3/11 Beverly Elwell-Ridings  
 3/11 Ellen Jennings  
 3/11 Ted Lindeman  
 3/13 Sharon Harrison  
 3/13 Amanda Holstein  
 3/13 Jay Norman  
 3/14 Isaac Brown  
 3/14 Jane Gazal  
 3/14 Frank Koenigsamen  
 3/15 Rose Enyeart  
 3/15 Meaghan Griffith  
 3/15 Ashley Jennings  
 3/16 Deirdre Gilbert  
 3/16 Georgia Greene  
 3/16 Rosemary Landon  
 3/16 Dave Seyfert  
 3/16 Lisa Taylor  
 3/16 Sandy Wolczak

### Birthdays (Continued)

3/17 Elias Frick  
 3/17 Robyn Glang  
 3/17 Ann Rule  
 3/17 Mollie Wolf  
 3/18 Amy Colwell  
 3/18 Graham Harper  
 3/18 Peter Tynan  
 3/18 Timothy Tynan  
 3/19 Daniel Griffith  
 3/19 Nathan Martin  
 3/19 J.K. Schofield  
 3/21 Diane Martin  
 3/21 Grace Ridings  
 3/21 Hannah Ward  
 3/21 Ben Young  
 3/22 Wilbur Green  
 3/22 Levi Lubin  
 3/22 Robin McPherson  
 3/22 Kristin Parrinella  
 3/23 Minette Church  
 3/23 Emma Cochrane  
 3/25 Benjamin Everett  
 3/25 Royce Field  
 3/26 Barbara Niemiec  
 3/26 Michelle Reed  
 3/26 Rebecca Twigg  
 3/26 Ariel Weiss  
 3/27 Barbara Bailey  
 3/27 Ryan Doud  
 3/27 Ann Skinner  
 3/28 Daphne Greenwood  
 3/29 Kara Sloan  
 3/30 Jocelyn Bakkemo  
 3/31 Tom Wenzlau



### March Anniversaries

3/12 Ila & Ray Almond  
 3/20 Joan Hance & Bill Stookey  
 3/20 Nance & Sam McCullough  
 3/21 Jean & Steve Ferguson  
 3/22 Susan & Matthew Turner  
 3/23 Jan Erickson & Jon Thomas  
 3/23 Sharon & Jeffrey Stine  
 3/24 Deidre & Sam Schoolcraft  
 3/25 Mary & Greg Baker  
 3/25 Muriel & Wes Burnett  
 3/29 Amanda & Brian Kerrigan  
 3/30 Marcy & Paul McNeill

*Shekhinah, continued from Page 6...*  
 music, scripture, and your own rhythm.

### Who do I contact with questions?

Jenny Finn at 291-3120 or Jenny Glick at 649-4222.

From the Sacred Dance Guild Journal article, "Dance and Spirituality", reviewed from the Journal of Dance Education...

"Since the beginning of humankind, dance has been inseparable from spiritual practice. Through time and place, while the cultural specificity of such practice was diverse primarily due to differing cosmologies, dance was nonetheless integral to spiritual expression..."

"As such cultures evolved, their dance forms became the vehicle for religious expression. Tracing history of dance in the diverse religions of the world, from ancient to contemporary times, confirms that the human body has always held a key role in spiritual practice..."

"In the United States, however, the mere mention of dance and religion in the same sentence can incite a full range of emotions from uneasiness to resentment to anger... The danced expression of one's religiosity often has been misunderstood by both the culture at-large, which prefers to separate spirituality from the daily working of society, and from within the traditions themselves, such as in the case of Christian denominations that have equated dancing with sinfulness..."

*Jenny Finn, LSW, Movement Educator*



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March Worship - Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent - Remedy: Fasting</b></p> <p>Today we begin our series of Lenten Sundays concentrating on the practice of Fasting. Rev. Broadbent preaches on Psalm 25: "Ingesting God." The Joyful Noise Children's Choir sings at 9:00 and Holy Communion is celebrated at both services.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent - Remedy: Pilgrimage</b></p> <p>Daylight Savings time begins on this Sunday, known within the UCC as "Amistad Sunday." Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Genesis 17: "Familiar Territory." The Bells of Saint Vrain Handbell Choir offers music at both services.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent - Remedy: Sabbath-Keeping</b></p> <p>A new class of Stephen Ministers is commissioned today to provide one-on-one spiritual care to those who are in need of support. Rev. Franklin preaches on Psalm 19: "Beautiful Law."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Remedy: Lectio Divina</b></p> <p>The congregation will be invited to participate in a practice of Lectio Divina, or "Divine Reading." Rev. Broadbent preaches on Psalm 107: "Reading Between the Lines." An adult baptism is celebrated at 9:00 and new members join at 11:00. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received this week and next.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 29 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Remedy: Centering Prayer</b></p> <p>We will practice centering prayer together, using a phrase such as "Peace" or "Christ, have mercy." Rev. Franklin preaches on Jeremiah 31: "Deep in Our Hearts." Pam and Lee Lehmkuhl will present excerpts from Handel's <i>Messiah</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday Lenten Service of Taizé Prayer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 5, 12, 19, &amp; 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2008-2009 Worship &amp; Program Year Theme: "Sustainable Faith"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lent: "A Balm in Gilead: Remedies for the Sin-Sick Soul"</b></p>	<p><b>Upcoming...</b> Palm/Passion Sunday with folk quartet and liturgical dance, Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service, Ecumenical Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian, Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Services, Integrity of Creation Sunday</p>