# **Somers Congregational Church Worship Services – Holy Week 2021**

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." - Peter 1:3

### Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 28th at 9:30am

Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week leading to the arrival of Easter. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is celebrated with palm branches which represent the palm branches placed on the ground in Jesus' path as he rode into Jerusalem. Join our virtual Palm Sunday service on our YouTube channel - "Somers Congregational UCC" following this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyuviPR4Q9DpQ YhS3h nA

#### Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 1st at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday commemorates the day Jesus shared the Last Supper with his twelve disciples prior to his crucifixion. Jesus washed his disciples' feet prior to the meal, stating in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you; That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another". To participate in communion during this service, please place aside bread and fruit of the vine to partake at home. Join our virtual Maundy Thursday service on our YouTube channel - "Somers Congregational UCC" following this link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyuviPR4Q9DpQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyuviPR4Q9DpQ</a> YhS3h nA

## Good Friday - Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

This service of Tenebrae (or darkness) commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death on Calvary. Good Friday is a solemn day of reflection, as Christians honor Jesus' suffering to forgive the sins of humanity. Romans 6:5 reads, "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." Join our virtual Good Friday service on our YouTube channel - "Somers Congregational UCC" following this link:

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# **Easter Sunrise Service – Outdoors on Soapstone Mountain** Sunday, April 4th at 6:15am

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in-person as you watch the sunrise outdoors on a mountain overlook. Our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the top of Soapstone Mountain on Gulf Road in Somers, CT. As you drive from the main entrance, head towards the top of the mountain (near the observation tower). Parking will be along that road. Please dress according to the weather and be advised that seating is not

provided. Following guidelines for COVID-19, social distancing and wearing facial coverings will be required and breakfast will not be served this year.

#### Easter Service - Sunday, April 4th at 9:30am

"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!" – Luke 24:34. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection as he brings eternal life to those who believe. All are welcome to join our <u>virtual</u> Easter service, including communion. To participate in communion during this service, please place aside bread and fruit of the vine to partake at home. Join our <u>virtual</u> Easter service on our YouTube channel - "Somers Congregational UCC" following this link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyuviPR4Q9DpQ YhS3h nA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyuviPR4Q9DpQ YhS3h nA</a>