Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC

Easter Season celebrates the very heart of Christian faith. Holy Week worship services lead the church from Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the painful reality of Good Friday with Christ’s suffering and death on the cross, to the glorious full victory of Easter. At Congregational Church of Pinehurst the congregation will gather on Good Friday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. for an ancient Tenebrae service. The word “tenebrae” comes from Latin and means “darkness”. As liturgists read these dramatic stories from the Bible, light in the sanctuary gradually extinguishes to total darkness.

Easter morning CCP will welcome the risen Christ with exuberant, joyful worship filled with music. Pastor Terry Ogawa elaborates, “We will process from the Memorial Garden with a cross laden with flowers to celebrate the power of love conquering death. Christ Jesus turns the instrument of death into symbols of life. All are welcome! You don’t have to be fancy, just come as you are and join in the celebration.”

Easter Pancake breakfast will be served in the Hearth Room starting at 9:00. The Worship Service beginning at 10:00 will include communion and Pastor Terry’s sermon, “Get Out of the Tomb”. Immediately afterwards, everyone is invited to participate in an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt.

Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC is an official Open and Affirming faith community that welcomes everyone, regardless of where they might be on their faith journeys. The church is located at 895 Linden Road across from Elliott’s Restaurant. For more information call the church office at (910) 295-2243, visit [www.youarewelcomehere.org](http://www.youarewelcomehere.org/) or the Facebook page.

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