

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm Passion Sunday



Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

Prelude *I Will Follow Him* J.W. Stole and Del Roma
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading Rev. Jesse Bale

Luke 19:28-40

- One: As Jesus approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,
All: "Go to the village ahead of you and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no-one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell that person, 'The Lord needs it.'"
One: Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
All: They replied, "The Lord needs it."
One: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, saying:
All: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
One: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

*** Processional Hymn with Palms and Lighting the Christ Candles**

led by Tapestry and JAM and the Peanut Butter Band

*** Hymn *We are Marching***

The Faith We Sing #2235-b

v.1: marching v. 2: singing v. 3: waving v. 4: dancing v. 5: praying



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children may leave for Sunday School following communion

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all goodness and grace, you call us to live like Christ, doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regarding others as precious and worthy. You ask us to look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. There are times we do this well, and there are times when we are selfish, when we don't treat others as your beloved children, and when we put ourselves first, not even seeing the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a new mindset, the mindset of Christ who served others and gave himself in love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, freed and loved! May God grant us the mindset of Christ and may we love and serve others in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom, arr. Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Karen Alseth

Scripture Reading

Rev. Jesse Bale

Luke 18:9-14

One: To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed:

All: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

One: But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said,

All: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

One: I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

* Hymn *Give Me a Clean Heart*

The Faith We Sing #2133

Sing three times: soloist sings the first time, congregation joins on second and third times.

Sermon *Jesus Taught Us ... The Power of Humility*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Out of Darkness*

Jason W. Krug

Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Responsive Reading: From Palm Sunday to Good Friday

One: The week begins so well,

All: Shouts of joy, waving palm branches, a parade.

One: It ends so grimly,

All: Thorns, nails, a wooden cross, an execution.
One: Give us courage to hear the story, to walk the journey.
All: Be with us on the way.

* Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

UM Hymnal #286

While we sing this hymn, the altar will be draped in black in preparation for Holy Week

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Vater unser ("Our Father")*

Arvo Pärt

Erin Wiig, oboe; Velda Graham Bell, organ

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



Announcements

*Please remember to fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Class Ring's anthem, "Out of Darkness," was purchased as a memorial to Dick Peterson, a founder of FUMC's handbell program.

Holy Week schedule:

Maundy Thursday Service: April 6 at 7pm in person, livestreamed and on YouTube any time. The service will include Holy Communion (the Last Supper) and journeying all the way to Jesus's death

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7 at noon in the Three Brothers Chapel (in person only): This service will walk us through Jesus's death and the events of the last hours of his life.

Easter Contemporary Service with Tapestry: a short service on Sunday, April 9 at 7am (in person only): Come early and watch the sun rise, and then come inside to the Sanctuary for coffee and worship.

Easter Traditional Worship: Sunday, April 9 at 10am in person, livestreamed and on YouTube any time. This service includes an Easter orchestra, bells, choir and organ. The congregation will be invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Coffee, doughnuts and fruit will be available from 9-9:45am.

Easter activities for children! Meet at 9:15 on Easter morning for an Easter egg hunt and playing in the bounce house. There is no Sunday School this morning; kids may remain in worship with their families and fidget bags will be available. Nursery care will be available.



Easter offering:

This year our Easter financial offering will be split two ways: 50% to the ministry and mission of our congregation, and 50% to the ministry and mission of the Union Gospel Mission. Please mark "Easter Offering" on your check or giving envelope. We will also be collecting items for the Union Gospel Mission to give to people in need: hand and foot warmers; toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving gel and razors; deodorant (both men's and women's); menstrual products (tampons, pads, PH-safe wipes); reusable shopping bags.

Faith Forum will not be held next week, Easter Sunday. Join us the following Sunday, April 16, from 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge when Lezlie Oachs will talk "In Defense of Contemporary Poetry."

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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