



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

* OPENING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH#278

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

PEOPLE: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

LEADER: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

PEOPLE: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

LEADER: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

PEOPLE: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

SONG OF PRAISE All Glory, Laud, and Honor UMH#280 Stanzas 1, 3, 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LEADER: Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to the home of Lazarus and received hospitality like no one had seen before – generous, loving, whole-hearted, and even a little bit undignified. His disciple Judas could only see the inefficiency of the gift, not the spirit of loving-kindness with which it was offered. We, like Judas, often want to expedite our giving without really engaging with those we are called to serve. Let us consider the depth of our relationships with those we encounter and with the One who calls us to faith, as we confess our sin in silence.

SILENCE

ALL: We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

LEADER: We, too, are a part of the Way-Maker’s will for restoration. We are called, through Christ Jesus, to strive for restoration, but we are not called to do this work alone. The One who has made a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, will surely equip us for all we are asked to do in Christ’s name. God will empower us to attain all the potential God has placed within us. Thanks be to God!

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYER SONG Holy, Holy, Holy TFWS#2007



PRAYER SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

TFWS#2007

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” ~ Psalm 118:24

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH#277 (First stanzas only)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11

AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Two Different Journeys Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

*SENDING SONG Holy, Holy, Holy UMH#64 (Stanzas 1, 3, 4)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE On Eagles Wings UMH#143

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Events this Week:

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers

10:30am Palm Sunday Worship

Potluck following Worship

2:00pm Lenten Study

5:30pm Yoga

6:30 Emotionally

Healthy Spirituality

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00am Commodities

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus

5:50pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Table Talk.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday

12:00pm Services @

Fellowship Christian Church

2:00pm Cross Walk

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday!

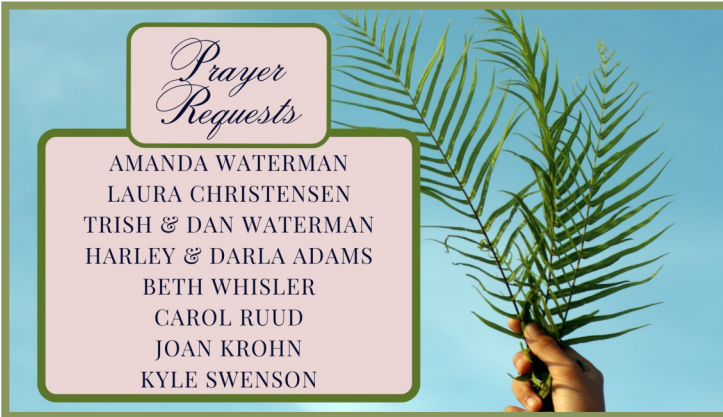
7:00am Sunrise Services @ Pam's

9:30 Easter Egg Hunt and Activities

9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers

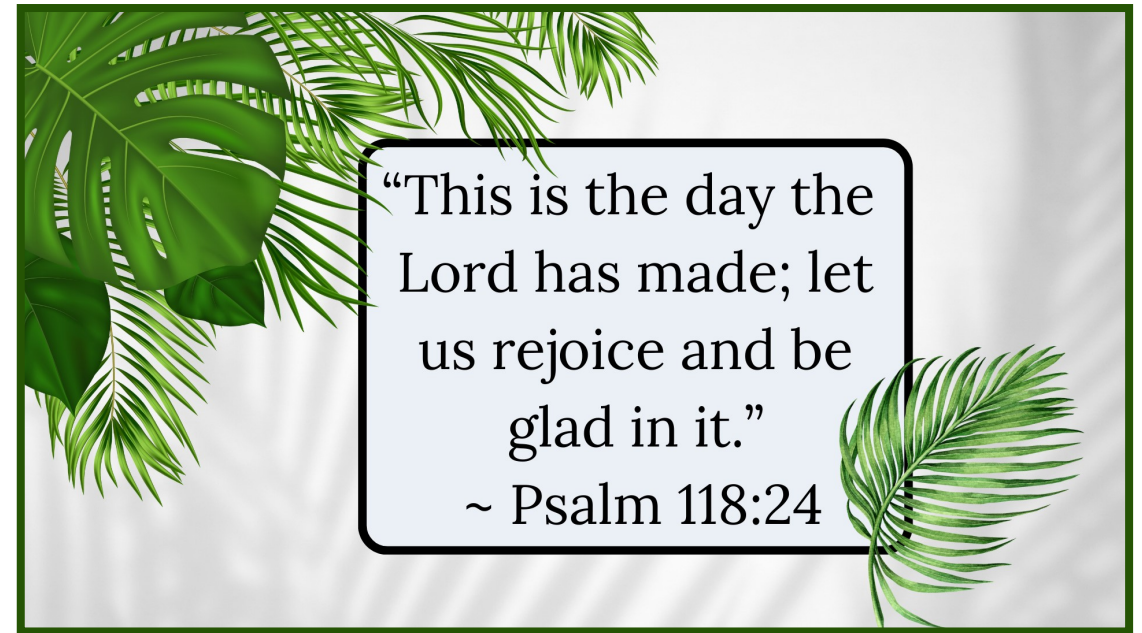
10:30am Easter Sunday Worship



Attendance & Financials		
	Attendance	Offering
March 3, 2024	59	\$3915.00
March 10, 2024	51	\$2740.00
March 17, 2024	49	\$5,307.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
March Offering to date:		\$11,987.00
Year-to-Date:		\$50,640.00



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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
John Wesley

Welcome to our guests!
We are glad you are here.
We hope you were blessed by
your experience at
First United Methodist Church this
morning and will tell friend.