



**PALM SUNDAY
AND HOLY COMMUNION
April 2, 2023**

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As you prepare for worship, we invite you to ponder...
*Jesus' healing ministry is filled with words and deeds.
We integrate our beliefs and actions for the health of the whole.
We know there will still be pain, but we also know love will win.*

PRELUDE *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

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GREETINGS AND NEWS

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Matthew 21:1-9*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

All: Blessed are we, for we have been created by that same God.

Leader: Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.

All: Blessed are the hands that clap and strum and pluck, joining together in one glorious Hosanna.

Leader: Blessed are the bodies that move and wave and march and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.

All: Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God.

Leader: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna!

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Matthew 21:10-11*

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

***OPENING HYMN:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UMH #278

PRAYER *written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Creator God, we praise you, for your Love rules over our lives with grace and beauty, creating us anew each moment. We thank you, for your Christ rules over us in humble tenderness, healing and redeeming us. We open our hearts to you, for your Spirit rules us from within with power, filling us with compassion. Grant that we will always turn to you alone for our salvation, and for the gift of life. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in your name! Peace on earth, and glory in the highest! Grant us your salvation, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 9: 1-8*

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Then some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”— he then said to the paralytic—“Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.” And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

MESSAGE *Holy Wholly! Stone Soup!*

PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we have opened ourselves to healing and sometimes it is easier to pray nice prayers than to do the hard work of putting into action what needs to happen.

Help us remember the sacred nature of the holy vessels that we are, fragile and susceptible to shattering and yet capable of transformation.

Help us to see ourselves as you see us.

Help us to believe in our ability to change and heal as you believe in us.

Help us, Healer. Show us our strength. Forgive our inertia. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care. In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Silence

ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ is with you.

And also with you.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Messiah*

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Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as an opportunity for us to share our gifts to be used by you to create beauty and wholeness. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH #15 WORD & TABLE III

After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar.

After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

The 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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus, Remember Me*

UMH #488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *The Wonderful Cross*

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Easter Egg Dying Today from 11:30am – 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall!

Due to popular demand, the Soup Sale is Happening Today!

**Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.
We offer many ways to give:**

In the sanctuary or by mail.

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HOLY WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS April 2, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 3rd – April 9th

Monday April 3rd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall room 8

Tuesday April 4th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Adult Spiritual Formation @ 7pm "In the Footsteps of the Savior"

Wednesday April 5th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Adult Spiritual Formation @ 12 pm "In the Footsteps of the Savior" – BYO Lunch!

Grace Café @ 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Maundy Thursday April 6th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Good Friday April 7th

Prayer & Devotion @ 7am on Facebook with Pastor Ninabeth

First Friday Fellowship @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall, room 8

Good Friday Service @ 7pm in the Sanctuary

Boy Scouts @ 7:30pm in the Underground

Easter Sunday April 9th

Worship @ 10am – He Is Risen Indeed!

Easter Egg Hunt after Worship!

Thanks to all who made our Lenten Soup Sale a Success!

The First Friday fellowship group will meet on April 7 at noon.

All are welcome!

Please bring your lunch and beverage. A simple dessert will be provided. The topic will be Easter trivia and Bingo. There will be time for sharing our holiday tradition stories. We will be finished in plenty of time to rest and reflect before the fabulous Good Friday worship service that is planned for the evening.

Please contact (text, call, see me) Anita at 201-874-6915 to RSVP.

Good Friday Service – It's Friday and We Stand at the Foot of the Cross 7pm in the Sanctuary

A dramatic reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of Mark featuring music by Peter Candela, Anna Lovallo, Joey Tible, and Rachel Fikslin

Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings at 7am on Facebook.

Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.
You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us after worship for an exciting hunt!

Find as many eggs as you can and turn them in for a sweet treat or an opportunity to learn Karate with Sensei Lee!

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Join Peter Candela on Sunday morning April 16th at 9:15am for a meet, greet, and planning time. Bring your hopes, your favorite hymns, and your willingness to make a joyful noise!

Our Church Email Addresses are changing!

Please note we are migrating to a new email platform that is part of our website. We thank you in advance for taking the time to change our emails on your devices. Do not worry if you forget to use the new email, the old emails will forward to us for a while.

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WEBSITE NEWS!

Our Website has moved but the name remains the same

UMCWAYNE.ORG

It will be fully up to date soon.

Our weekly bulletin and announcements and our monthly Messenger are available for viewing or downloading.

Any comments relating to the website can be sent to tech@umcwayne.org