

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:30AM

Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.

Please register your attendance in the blue book at the end of your pew.

Visitors, please include the best way for us to follow up with you.

Music to Center Ourselves

“Fanfare Prelude: All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Southbridge)

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Terri Branstrom

Theme song for Lent

“No Greater Love”

*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

Line the festival procession with branches. This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

Drama “Lazarus, Martha, and Mary”

Dennis Stanek, Pat Waeghe, and Peggy Richter

Responsive reading Psalm 118:14-29 (UMH 839) Reese Buckley

*Gospel reading Matthew 21:1-11

Message

Pastor Terri Branstrom

Praise Song “All Hail King Jesus” (twice)

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Martin)

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today’s offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader near the entrance, or online on our website.

**Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95*

***Offering Prayer**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 13-14

Offering our Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

UMH 280

*Departing Blessing

Music for Going Forth

“The Road to Calvary” (Broughton)

* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we’re invited to stand.

Join us after worship for coffee, muffins, and conversation.

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Val Johnson and Emily Trotter

Communion Servers: Laurie Kaufman, Wilma Vanderdonck, Ted Brainard

Counters: Leah Belanger and Peggy Richter

Coffee and Muffins: Susan Lagina

Projectionists: Luis de la Garza and Lisa Myers

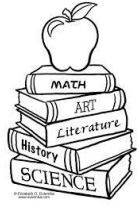
Ushers:

Seder Meal On Maundy Thursday (Apr. 6) at 5:30pm, Leah Belanger will be serving a Seder (Passover) meal that she is preparing. If you plan on attending, please R.S.V.P. on the small bulletin board, or call the office so that Leah knows how many to prepare for.

A Charge Conference of Memorial UMC has been specially called for the purpose of voting on whether to remain United Methodist or enter into the Conference’s Disaffiliation Agreement. This meeting will be on **Sunday, May 21**, following the worship service. Only church members are allowed to vote, and they must be *physically present* to vote. Mail-in ballots are not allowed. If you would like to verify your membership status, ask Lisa or check the membership list on the trapezoid table in front of the display cabinet.

Spring Flowers If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with spring flowers, please fill out a pink form from the table by the front door and turn it in to the office **by Wednesday**.

Cinnamon Rolls will be for sale on Easter following both services to raise money for the “Readers to Leaders” mission project.



“Readers to Leaders” is a conference-wide appeal that is encouraging each local UM congregation to support scholarships for children in Liberia and also Michigan Conference Freedom Schools. If each church in Michigan can meet the goal of **donating \$600 over the next year**, United Methodists in Michigan can support 100 Liberian students attending school from kindergarten through graduation and provide 100 children to attend multiple years of Freedom Schools.

Lisa Batten, Coordinator of Young Adult Initiatives for The Michigan Conference, says, “The CDF Freedom Schools enhance children’s motivation to read and help connect their families with resources in the community.” Freedom Schools offer cultural learning as well as reading and tutoring, two meals a day, and a book for each student to take home every week. Batten says, “Many children actually make gains in learning over the summer, rather than summer learning loss.” Ashnee Young adds, “The Freedom Schools offer a community-centered program which cultivates esteem and encourages diverse representation in learning and literature to help the children discover their best learning potential.” Please purchase some cinnamon rolls on Easter or donate to this mission by marking on your envelope or check “Readers to Leaders”.

Traveling Communion Servers are needed to help take communion to homebound people from our congregation. Please speak to Susan Lagina or Lorna Benson.

Alms boxes are in the back of the sanctuary. Take a box home. When you are tempted to buy a treat, put the money in the alms box instead. Then present it on the altar on Easter, and it will go toward helping the people in Turkey and Syria rebuild their lives after the earthquakes.

Sunday morning volunteers Please sign up on the bulletin board to provide refreshments or serve as a Reader, Usher/Greeter, Communion Server, Coffee Host, or Projectionist.

Camp Michigamme is now hiring staff for this summer. More information is on the bulletin board.

- TODAY 11:30 Lent Study: Luke
- MONDAY 5:30 Lent Study: Luke
- TUESDAY 6:00 Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- WEDNESDAY 9:00 Knit & Crochet
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Glory Ringers practice
7:00 Jubilee Choir practice
- THURSDAY 5:30 Seder Meal (Please RSVP on small bulletin board.)
7pm Maundy Thursday service with communion
- FRIDAY 7pm Good Friday ecumenical service at First Lutheran
- NEXT SUNDAY 7am Easter Sunrise service
10:30 Easter Celebration service and Confirmation
Cinnamon Rolls will be sold after both services to raise money for “Readers to Leaders.”

Prayer List

New Concerns

Families affected by Blasto Pneumonia
Rodney Potvin and family
Protection for those on the outskirts of society
Nashville Christian Elem. Sch. families & survivors

Recent Concerns

Family of Cole Possi
Family of Carol Wolfe
Elizabeth Hill
Gabe Benson
Cathy Sue Clintworth
Misty Boudreau de la Garza

Ongoing Concerns

Ukraine	Mindy A.	Betsy Anderson
Turkey & Syria	Bud Baltic	Lisa Richer Barta
Lorna Benson	Sarah Benson	David Bohlen
Sally Brainard	Lois Cady	Tom Butch and Alice too
Nancy Campbell	Mary Clark	Bud and Pat Clark
Shirley Clark	Eileen Collins	Chris and Kim Diamond
Bernie Erickson	Brian Galvin	Michele Geyer
Ian Goldi	John Gudwer	Mike Hicks and family
Caroline Hart	Al Jensen	Alice and Lloyd Jensen
Liz Kempher	Susan Lindgren	David & Cheryl LaCarte
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Rhonda Mulligan	Zach Nardi	Vickie Ottensman
Dave Palo	Josiah Pryor	Emily Shada Polega
Jordan Rabbitoy	Bill Springer	David and Kathy Siefer
Marv Sodermark	Donna Wilken	

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