

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Thought: "On Palm Sunday Jesus had a mission, while everyone else had an agenda." – Bill Hybels

ENTRANCE

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Music

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- Humphrey Turner

Prelude

Triumphant Acclamation

- D. Edwards

Memorial Handbell Choir

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;
your steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
That I may enter through them and give God thanks.**

*Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

UMH 881

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

UMH 70

*Passing the Peace (Take a moment to greet your neighbor in Christ.)

Opening Prayer (seated and in unison)

We praise you, O God, for opening to us the gates of righteousness.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
Morning by morning we arise to praise you.
Day by day we are led by your word.
Hear our rejoicing and receive our thanksgiving.
Blessed be Christ our Redeemer! Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message

Patti Ferguson

Special Music

O Thou Eternal Christ, Ride On
Chancel Choir

- J. Yarrington

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 118:19-29

Pew Bible p. 493

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

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.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

All glory, Laud, and Honor
Memorial Handbell Choir

- M. Mazzatenta

*The Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Glory be to you, O God, for the gift of creation and its bounteous mercies.
We honor and worship you in the presentation of these tithes and offerings.
Take our lives and let them be consecrated to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
Matthew 21:1-11

UMH 277

Second Lesson

Pew Bible p. 802

Sermon

A Donkey for Jesus

Rev. Cliff Webner

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

- Johann Pachelbel

*Going Forth

**Please rise in posture or spirit*

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

UMH: U.M. Hymnal

Bold print: in unison
W&S: Worship and Song

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

Envelopes are in the pews for the **Board of Child Care Auxiliary membership** dues for 2017, at \$2.00 per person. Please consider supporting the children at Board of Child Care by joining or renewing your membership in the Auxiliary. Checks may be made payable to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Thank you.

The Loch Raven Sunday School is sponsoring an **egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday**. We need your help with donations of wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs. Donations can be placed in the boxes located in the church narthex and outside the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Webner at 410-592-5222. Thanks for all of your support.

Confirmation class meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in room 126.

You are invited to join our two **adult Sunday School classes**:

- **Going His Way**, led by Jonathan Wilson, meeting in Room 128, is studying **He Set His Face to Jerusalem**.
- **The Becomers**, led by Owen Williams, meeting in Room 202, brings together adults with diverse backgrounds to study the Bible and what its stories and messages mean for our contemporary lives. Or current study, **Elijah: Obedience in a Threatening World**, will end on Easter Sunday. We will begin a study of **Christian Virtues** on April 23.

The **2017 Flower Chart** is up in the Arcade (hallway). Please sign up to beautify our altar to honor or celebrate a loved one.

The **March/April Upper Rooms** are available in the narthex and sanctuary hallway. The cost is \$1.00.

Bulletins – Submissions for items to be included in the bulletin would be greatly appreciated by Tuesday. They can be e-mailed to Office@LRUMC.org or dropped off in the Office mailbox in the downstairs hallway.

Food Collections - During this April missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of canned meat (beef stew, chili, Spam, etc.) Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

Church Calendar for the Week of April 9

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 126
	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
		May Spire deadline	
		Blood Pressure Screening	
	12:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday			
	6:30 AM – 6:00 p.m.	The Learning Garden Preschool	Rooms 122, 116
	6:30 AM – 6:30 p.m.	IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 a.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday worship service	
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Room 128
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae worship service	
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
Upcoming Events			
April 16	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship	Front steps
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Traditional Worship	



New Prayer Requests

Delores Courtney (4/4)

Lois Hively (by Ardith Lutrell 4/4)

Bill Shock (by Isabelle Burrell 4/3)

The family of Susan Koza (by Cecelia & Brian Miller 4/2)

The family of Edith Feustle (by Judy Feustle 3/30)

Recent Prayer Requests

Carol McCorkle (by Anne McCorkle Garrett 3/27)

Deborah Morgan (by Joyce Johnson 3/26)

Nancy Lacy (by Audrey Moltz 3/26)

Jamie (by Jan Hoener 3/26)

Mary Lou Bryan (3/19)

June Jordan (by Patti Ferguson 3/14)

Joyce Dietrich (3/13)

The family of Devin Vallade, Sr. (by Marcia & Gary Smith 3/12)

The family of Margaret Bayless (by Patti Ferguson 3/12)

Jennifer Henschen (by Linda Cole 3/12)

Katie Filling (by Gary & Marcia Smith 3/12)

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.