

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020



"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."

Matthew 21:2, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: On the back of a humble donkey, Christ looks beyond the shouts of “Hosanna in the highest.” He is traveling a slow journey to the cross – and he will pay the price of turning the tables on the money changers, upsetting the status quo, and living authentically before God. Will he travel that road alone?

GATHERING

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Bind the festival procession with branches.

People: **Jesus is the gate of the Lord. The righteous enter through him.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, that stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions, than admit to ourselves that we too could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Traditional Version

UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND 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

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One, your love for us is so great that you gave us your own Son to teach us the ways of life and death. May the gifts and offerings we bring this morning reflect our gratitude for Christ's gift of self, for Christ's anguish and passion, and for Christ's nerve-failing love. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Through it All

UMH 507

SERMON

Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

LOVE FEAST

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

CLOSING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

GOING FORTH (From Love Feast Document)

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

AT THE DIRECTION BISHOP EASTERLING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ALL WORSHIP SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES AT LOCH RAVEN UMC HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH AT LEAST APRIL 26.

NEXT WEEK, APRIL 12, IS THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE MAY SPIRE. Email your articles to Nancy W. Please inform Myra if you are not receiving the Spire either by email or regular mail.

THE UMW'S CHOCOLATE-COVERED EASTER EGGS ARE ON HOLD AT THIS TIME.

OUR EASTER FLOWER ORDERS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. Your payment may be counted toward your future order of altar flowers, given as a donation to the church, or refunded. Please inform the office of your wishes.

THE UMW'S LADIES TEA, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOT COLLECTING FOR ACTC.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 9)

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 10):

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1 – 19:42

EASTER (APRIL 12)

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 (or Matthew 28:1-10)

MINISTRIES OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH

PRAYERS: Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List.
The member to remember this week is Gregory Sinkler.

PRESENCE: March 29, 2020: Online Service (120 views)

Offering: \$??

LRUMC MISSION STATEMENT

“Loch Raven United Methodist Church is a multicultural community of faith, called by God to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving as stewards of God’s gifts and blessings. We minister through worship, learning, fellowship and mission to the community.”

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Prayer List

Prayer Requests from March 29

Tommy (*brother-in-law of Peggy's daughter*)

Tom, Laurene and David (*Myra's in-laws*)

Family of Carol (*Rebecca's friend*)

Family of Sandy (*sister-in-law of Cecelia's sister*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Adelaide (3/29)

Family of Jean (3/29)

Family of Kevin (*req. by Patti F. – 3/29*)

Martha (*Cecelia's friend – 3/29*)

Rita (*Jennifer's aunt – 3/29*)

Family of Kemper (3/15)

Family of Easterlyn (*req. by Reynold – 3/15*)

Kevin (*Patti F.'s friend – 3/8*)

Tendai (3/8)

The Gould Family (3/1)

Eddie (3/1)

Joyce and her roommate (3/1)

June (*Joe's sister – 3/1*)

Tom (*Myra's brother-in-law – 3/1*)

Lorraine (*Sheila's friend – 3/1*)

Venetia (*Marcia's sister – 11/10*)

Cassandra & Family (*req. by Maria – 9/15*)

Dontae (*Jan's godson – 7/21*)

Adrian (7/21)

Prayer requests will be listed for one month unless requested otherwise.