

Sunday
March 25, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Palm and Passion Sunday

Pastor Greg

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

We come to worship on a day filled with mixed emotions:
celebration and shouts of 'Hallelujah!', **entrance into the city of Jerusalem, a beating drum of judgment coming closer for Jesus.**

We come to worship at the start of a week filled with mixed emotions:

precious moments with friends, hospitality and food, betrayal and corruption, trial and execution.

We come this hour filled with mixed emotions:
singing in praise with palm branches waving, weeping in despair at innocence snuffed out, yet still we come.

Let us worship the Lord.

***Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem:** Mark 11:1-11

Hear the Gospel according to Mark how our Lord Jesus entered into Jerusalem.

***Hymn:** #277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Hallelujah, hallelujah, rejoice the Lord is here!

We greet You, Lord, for it is You that we come to worship this day: You alone, for You are King — Hosanna, hosanna!

It is our privilege and pleasure to lay our lives before You and proclaim faithfulness to the Kingdom
You seek for the world.

Though we try hard, we recognize that we are not perfect and we make many mistakes: some small; some large; sometimes we deny You; sometimes we withhold love; sometimes we reduce others to tears; sometimes we cause hurt. Yet forgiveness is Your promise to us.

Though we remain undeserving, this day we thank You for the assurance of mercy which You extend to us.

May we respond with a new willingness to live faithfully in this world; working for the good of all. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: John 12:22-27 and 19:16b-22

Seated, please

Children's Time: *Pastor Greg*

Choir Anthem: The Palms

Sermon: *Around the Cross* — "Jesus, Crucified"

***Hymn:** #288 Were You There (verses 1)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Calvary ~ *Choir*

***Doxology:** #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of life, we owe You a great deal, a debt that cannot be repaid in full, yet you call us to live faithfully and be abundant in the good we offer this world and its people. Receive from us today these gifts we offer and use them for good in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn:** #166 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine (verses 1, 3, 5)

***Departing Reflection**

The crowds in the spur of the moment, feeling the thrill of something different, a sense of anticipation, shout with the travelers from the countryside as a young man rides on a donkey's colt: "Hosanna, hosanna!"

The disciples, caught up in the thrill of the moment, let their voices rise in joyful abandon: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Palm branches are torn from trees, waved in glad adoration, for their world is about to change, and they cannot wait.

Jesus stays silent as the colt sways Him back and forth, the shouting and waving a distant blur, for His eyes are set on His destination. Nothing will stop Him now. Jesus looks around Him, a lump in His throat and fire burning in His joints. With a final effort he pulls air into His lungs and exhales with exhaustion: "It is finished."

The disciples, staring in horror and despair, let out a collective shuddering sigh; tears stream, hope lays dashed, confusion reigns, as they turn to each other. The crowd, expectant for a miracle, rolls their eyes, laugh and turn away: just another false prophet, from Nazareth no less. No wonder it all came to naught.

The story will be continued...

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

*Coming up Easter Sunday, April 1: "Jesus, Resurrected!" Scripture: John 20:1-18.
7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service; 8:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast; 10:30 a.m. Worship*

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates

Lynne and Tim Melvin's daughter, Aubrey, and her family will be welcoming baby Gray (#5) in October.

Ryan Miller is leaving Iraq the second week of April! Praise the Lord! Hope to have him home by the end of April.

New Requests This Week

Summer Munn (11-year-old girl) has been having pain since October, and doctors don't know what is wrong.

Carmen Moreno-Parsons is in a rehab center due to a blood poisoning emergency from an earlier fall. She needs prayers, cards, etc. Bob needs help with moving to a first floor apartment. Their new address is: 605 Schuring Rd., Apt. 1-A; Portage MI 49024.

Lord, please heal the United Methodist Church and our country so that all can recognize YOU did it.

Previous Requests

Caryn Bladt is traveling to Nepal to build another school.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew are in need of prayer for strength and healing.

Larry Kohler is having back problems.

Tim Melvin is recovering from surgery and should begin radiation in two weeks.

James (Sue Moberly Hayes' brother) was in a car accident.

Char Rice is recovering from a broken hip.

Al Thomas is in Hospice.

Michael Way (Julie Taylor's friend) has been hospitalized for more than a month and needs healing.

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due tomorrow
- ScripCents orders are due Monday, April 2

Easter Sunday Breakfast

We will have an Easter Sunday Breakfast on April 1 at 8:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will need lots of help with food donations, as well as setting up and cleaning up. Please fill out a sign-up sheet today, available at the Welcome Center.



Walking the Labyrinth at Vicksburg United Methodist Church

There will be scheduled opportunities during Lent when the labyrinth will be set up for prayer walks in the Family Life Center.

For those wishing to go deeper, there will be a Tuesday evening (3/27) Lenten book discussion featuring *Walking the Labyrinth: A Place to Pray*, by Travis Scholl (ISBN# 978-0-8308-3583-6).

For both church and community... All are invited to walk and pray.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Mar 25: Joe and Betty Gruber

Apr 1: Laverne Swinehart

No Sunday School April 1 or 8

There will be no Sunday School, children's or adults, on Sunday, April 1 or Sunday, April 8. So many families are on vacation for Spring Break that we decided to cancel both. We pray for safe travels for all who are blessed to take a trip! Happy Easter to our church family! ~ Darcy Osborn, Sunday School Superintendent



For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson
David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Iris McGahan
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons
Char Rice
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Al Thomas
Mina Willett




In Service to Our Country

- Matthew Kohler**
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This Week's Calendar

- Today - Palm Sunday**
Priscilla Circle Bake Sale
9:00 a.m. *Labyrinth available in the FLC (till 12:30)*
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. *Tuinier baby shower in the Taylor Room*
 - Monday, March 26**
NO VOLLEYBALL OR SCOUT TROOP MEETING
 - Tuesday, March 27**
7:00 p.m. *Labyrinth class, FLC*
NO SEW WHAT NOW GOD
 - Wednesday, March 28**
10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
NO SHED, HELIX, BELL CHOIR PRACTICE,
PICKLEBALL, OR CHOIR PRACTICE
 - Thursday, March 29**
NO PLAY GYM, ROUTE 56, OR RAW
 - Friday, March 30 - Good Friday**
all day Labyrinth available in the FLC
Noon Community Good Friday Serv., Sanctuary
 - Saturday, March 31**
all day Labyrinth available in the FLC
- The church will be silent during Holy Week so that we can be most attentive to our Lord's journey to the cross.**



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Monday through Wednesday
9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

This Week's Celebrations

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| <u>Birthdays</u> | 3/29 Robert Gruber
Aaron Polsinelli |
| 3/25 Chris Morris | 3/30 Michael Asher |
| 3/26 Susan Halladay | 3/31 Vernon Noel |
| 3/27 Dee Dee Hoy
Brian Root | <u>Anniversaries</u> |
| 3/28 Amy Slancik | 3/31 Mike & Jody Tuinier |

- Coming Events**
- Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday**
7:30 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Service, Sanctuary*
8:15 a.m. *Easter Breakfast, FLC*
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 - Monday, April 2**
7:00 p.m. *Worship Planning Team in the Library*
 - Tuesday, April 3**
7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*
 - Wednesday, April 4**
NO SHED, HELIX, BELL CHOIR PRACTICE, OR CHOIR PRACTICE
 - Thursday, April 5**
11:00 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee, Library*
12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting in the Taylor Rm.*
NO PLAY GYM, ROUTE 56, OR RAW
NO PRESCHOOL APRIL 2-6



Talent Show

mission trip fundraiser
Sunday, April 15

Entry Form

Name _____

Contact Information _____

Please fill this out and put in Hank's mailbox in the work room. Hank will contact you. This is open to everyone.

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

March 18 attendance:
Worship 126 Sunday School 27

We invite you to Holy Week services

Palm Sunday

March 25

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday

Community Service

March 30 at noon

Easter Sunday

April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:30
Breakfast at 8:15
Worship at 10:30



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Sunday, April 8

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