

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment.

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Gilbert Martin

Zechariah 9:9

Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

ELLACOMBE

Children's and Youth Choirs

Sing hosanna, blessed is the One who comes.

Rosemary Wright

Prayer of Confession

Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

CANONBURY

In kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response #579

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.

*Passing the Peace

Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another, greeting one another by saying, **The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory - Anthem

Hosanna

from the Moravian Liturgy by Christian Gregor (1783)

Arranged by Roberta Bitgood

Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Response 592

Doxology

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

Time with Young Disciples

Lisa Bansen-Harp

Collection of Fish Boxes

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to stay with their families. Participate in the K-6 children's choir rehearsal, or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The First Lesson

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29.

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 **Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

118:20 **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

118:22 **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

118:26 **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

118:27 The Lord is God, and God has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

118:28 **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

118:29 **O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn #92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

The Second Lesson

Luke 19: 28 - 40

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Charge

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Voluntary

on "Ellacombe"

Arr. Richard Warner

*Serving as liturgist today is Rosemary Wright.
Please return the palms to the table as you exit the sanctuary.*

Announcements

Handicapped Parking on Sunday Mornings Only persons with handicapped permits may use the parking spaces along the back of the church, the east side driveway, and near the playground.

Combined Children's Choir and Youth Choir sing today during the Palm Sunday Service, thanks to directors Val Stewart and Laurel Labbe.

Book Discussion The meeting will be in-person, on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Our book is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. As always, all are welcome to join us. Contact Cathy Melver at chwdoc@gmail.com

May Script Please have your articles and pictures submitted to Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Adult Education Bible Study will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 14.

Easter Egg Hunt Please come at 10:00 a.m., on April 17, to the patio, for the hunt. Teens and Tweens will gather with Margo at 9:30 a.m. to set out the eggs. Each child will receive a small egg carton to use, but may bring a basket instead. Join the fun---Rain or Shine!

Hunger Walk WPC will participate in the Hunger Walk, scheduled on May 1, 2022, and organized by the Akron Area Interfaith Council of Churches. Those interested in walking can participate on a voluntary basis. The walk will begin at the Universalist Unitarian Church across from Summit Mall and will consist of a choice of a one mile or a two mile walk. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the walk will start at 3:00 p.m. Money collected will be donated to the Akron Canton Food Bank.



Calendar of Church Building Events ***For April 10 - 17, 2022 - Holy Week***

Sunday, 4/10 - Palm Sunday

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:00 am Children & Youth Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir & Youth Choir Sing
Children's Choir Rehearsal - Fish Boxes Collected
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Pastor's Study
- 11:40 am Outreach Meeting in Room 106

Monday, 4/11

- 7:00 pm Book Group Meeting Off Site

Tuesday, 4/12

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 4/13

- 6:00 pm Endowment Zoom Meeting
- 7:00 pm Discipleship Zoom Meeting

Thursday, 4/14 - Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary/Communion
Child Care Provided

Friday, 4/15 - Good Friday

- 12:00 pm Good Friday Service at New Covenant Community Church
with Pastor Aber's Participation

Saturday, 4/16

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

Sunday, 4/17 - Easter Sunday

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 10:00 am Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream/Communion
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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Voted by Session:

- *Masks are now optional during worship service.*
- *Coffee will return every Sunday after worship and birthday cake will be back the first Sunday of the month, starting May 1.*
- *Starting in April the Script will be monthly.*
- *8:30 a.m. summer worship will return in June and July 2022.*



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