

Palm SUNDAY

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 Greeter..... Jackie Bailey
 Communion Servers Mary Claire Collins, Roy Reynolds
 Audio/Visual Team..... Braeden Trent, Maddox Reinhardt
 Nursery Attendant..... Ellie Williams

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Apr. 13	10:45 AM	Palm Sunday Worship service
Apr. 15	7:00 PM	<i>The Greatest Prayer</i> discussion group - ch. 8, Epilogue (Zoom)
Apr. 16	6:30 PM	Bell choir
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Apr. 17	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday service
Apr. 18	4:30 PM	Environmental Crosswalk at Rodburn Hollow Park
	6:30 PM	Tenebrae worship at First Baptist Church
Apr. 20	10:45 AM	Easter Sunday Worship service—Flowering of the Cross

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

For those who desire our prayers: Brandy Smallwood, Terri Thomas Richardson,

Carol Clevenger Rose, Mike Matthews, Wayne Caldwell, Wendall Jones, Tom Stevens, Mable Brown, Carol Laferty, Amanda Baldwin, Yvonne Baldwin, Ansley Perryman, the family of Ruth Britt, Nancy Gowler, Mitch Wilson, Noel Earl, Michael Scott Gammon, Ruby Pettit, Daniel Rogers, Katie Parker, Maggie Miles, Cathy Thomas, John Gullett, Jim Gross, Jim Fred Cassity, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston

For those celebrating birthdays: Phillip Swim (4/17), Lola Smith (4/17), Kenny Hall (4/18)

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Acknowledgement of Land (*an act towards reconciliation*)

For thousands of years, First Peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the Lower Triplett Creek watershed, part of the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, of the Hopewell and Adena cultures, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome	Rev. Nancy Gowler
Bell of Mindfulness	Bob Pryor
Prelude	Jiyeon McGillicuddy
Prayer of Approach	Bob Pryor

On the way...through the waters of the Jordan River,
with the touch of a dove, in the solitude of a barren wilderness,
Christ follows the way of God's realm, steady and sure, with confidence and purpose.

And so we join with Christ to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

On the way...alongside the busy shores of the Sea of Galilee
in villages and cities, from Nazareth to Jericho, Capernaum to Bethany,
in synagogues and at table, along roadways and mountainsides,
Christ shows us the way of God's kingdom,
in parable and story, in word and deed, with grace and compassion.

And so we join with Christ to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

On the way...Christ comes among us,
to heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted, to free the captive,
to comfort the disturbed, to cleanse our houses of worship,
to liberate faith from convention.

And so we join with Christ to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

Christ comes among us, a peculiar king riding on a donkey,
rejecting the powers of this world, siding with the poor,
taking up a cross, forgiving his accusers, leading the way,
shouldering the sin of the world and taking it away.

**And so we join with Christ to pray,
"Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil." Amen.**

Hymn of Approach	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	77
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SACRED STORIES

The Beginning	
The Time of Trial	Luke 4:1-13

Left: to shout for life
Right: to follow the cross

Left: to break bread
Right: to hold belief

Left: to trust love
Right: and tell the world

All: we choose to follow Jesus.

Invitation to Communion	Sarah Chaney
All are welcome at Christ's table.	
Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.	

Our Story at the Table	Rev. Nancy Gowler
Communion Prayer	Sarah Chaney
The Sharing	Rev. Nancy Gowler
Meditation	<i>With Contrite Heart</i> Jiyeon McGillicuddy

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*The Garden Luke 22:39-45 Rev. Nancy Gowler

*Closing Sung Response *There Is One Among Us*

There is one among us whom we do not know.

Host of highest heaven present here below.

Postlude	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> Jiyeon McGillicuddy
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Affirmation of Faith

Left: Some shout hosanna

Right: some shout crucify

Left: some shout Jesus

Right: some shout Barabbas

Left: some wave palms

Right: some shake their fists

All: today we choose...

Left: some break bread

Right: some break silence

Left: some proclaim Jesus

Right: some deny Jesus

Left: some carry the cross

Right: some run from the cross

All: today we choose...

Left: some are angry

Right: some rejoice

Left: some anoint with costly perfume

Right: some complain at the waste

Left: some like the light

Right: some prefer the shadows

All: today we choose...

Left: some weep

Right: some conspire

Left: some follow

Right: some hide

Left: some believe

Right: some betray

All: today we choose

Sarah Chaney, Rev. Nancy Gowler

Anthem

A Prayer of St. Columba

Choir

attrib. to St. Columba, from *Carmina Gadelica*, adapted by Cecilia McDowall

Home to Nazareth

The Good News of the Kingdom Luke 4:16-21

Sung Response

Come with Me



Come with me for the jour-ney is long.



Come with me for the jour-ney is long.



Come with me for the jour-ney is long.



Come with me for the jour-ney is long. The



jour-ney, the jour-ney, the jour-ney is long, the



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jour-ney, the jour-ney, the jour-ney is long.

Sermon Save Us From the Time of Trial Rev. Nancy Gowler

Lenten Discipline of Silence

Sung Response *Come with Me*

Come with me for the journey is long.

Come with me for the journey is long. (Repeat)

The journey, the journey, the journey is long.

The journey, the journey, the journey is long. (Repeat)

The Kingdom of God is at Hand

Sung Response *There Is one Among Us*

There is one a - mong us whom we do not know;

There is one a - mong us whom we do not, do not know;

host of high - est hea - ven pre - sent here be - low.

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The Ministry Grows

An Ominous Warning Luke 9:18-24

Time Draws Near

Unlikely Parade Luke 19:29-40

Jesus Weeps Luke 19:41-44

At the Temple

A House of Prayer

Luke 19:45-47

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31

Lord, you are my ref-uge; in you a-lone I trust.

Prayers of the People

Bob Pryor

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Mystery beyond our knowing,

close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

We pray for your vision of justice and mercy

to be made real in our world even now.

Give us today our daily bread.

We pray for your vision of enough:

enough sustenance, enough warmth,

enough healing for all of your children.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing

as we embrace your vision for life,

that we might follow you safely through the obstacle course.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

Now and forever.

Giving thanks for presence

that defies definition in this life and beyond.

Amen. Amen.

Huddled Together in an Upper Room

Sobering Words

Luke 22:14-16