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Open The Gates

Palm / Passion Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

C: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

P: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

C: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

P: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

C: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

P: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

C: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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 Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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.*

Opening Hymn – All Glory Laud and Honor p. 280 UMH vv. 1, 4, & 5

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSVue)

**** L - Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures

forever!

C: ² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

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

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

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

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

L: ²³ This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

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

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

L: ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

C: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

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

C: ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna p. 278 UMH

New Testament Reading – Luke 19:28-40 (NRSVue)

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into

the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Sermon – Open The Gates

Closing Hymn – Open My Eyes, That I May See p. 454 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Friends, Go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God’s love endures forever.

Lectionary Readings for Holy Week beginning April 14th, 2025

Maundy Thursday 4.17

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday 4.18

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

Easter Sunday - 4.20.2025

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

Announcements

- The Union UMC Easter Egg Hunt will be held today at 2:00 PM on the church grounds. The Easter Bunny is expected to stop by. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our church to the community and have some fun.
- An Administrative Board meeting will be held on April 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Jeannette Lanier by Frances V. Gough.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Family of Ruby Driver

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

April Birthdays

Garry Harbin 2

John Seats 4

Susie Seats-Edwards 9

Jeremy Gearheart 10

Caroline Burton 11

Bradley Thompson 21

Ronnie Southern 23

Brad Collins 26

Sadie Disher 27

Annabel Parker Mark 28

Autumn Rayne Atkinson 28

Hugh McBride 30

Faye Seats 30

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

