

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE: *“Variations on a Hymn for Lent” by Dale Wood*
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Walking through Holy Week. Pointing to the cross.

INTROIT: “I Love You, Lord” (#124)

***HYMN: #203 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** CCLI Song #7101236, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to sing... Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (page 1162) {A.B. page 1304}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “In Just Five Days”

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 31:9-16 (page 548) {A.B. page 623}

Sermon
“Crucified”
Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #477 “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”** CCLI Song #137178, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation on Jesus, Remember Me*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #473 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?” (vs 1,3,5)**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV 721” by J. S. Bach*

Our prayers and sympathy are with June Pettit, whose brother, Fred Thorpe, passed away on March 25th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Cynthia Chittenden, Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Cindy Davies, Joe Laursen (Tim’s nephew), Karl (Rob Stackhouse’s relative), Mary Jane Laird, Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Karen Roaix, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

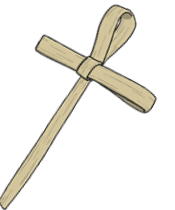
Cancer: Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sarah Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Dawn Miller, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou’s step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim’s brother), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan and Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccios)

Recovering: Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

MILITARY SERVICE: Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment
MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

The Palm Crosses are given today in memory of Henry and Marguerite Prull by their grandchildren, Tamara, Heather (Ross), and David Prull II.



The Stewards Assistance Fund: This Fund assists those in our congregation who are facing temporary financial challenges. If you are struggling, please call the Office at (585) 394-0503 to speak with Virginia Holroyd, or email her at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org



We welcome your help to serve as **Greeters for the Sunday Services**. Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins at the Sanctuary entrances. Greeters also pass the Offering Plates during the Offertory. Reminders are emailed with instructions and location assignments. The Greeter ministry is a wonderful way to show that we are a hospitable church and that we welcome all who want to worship the Lord with our congregation. **The April sign up sheet is on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

Children's Time ~ There is no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!

Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you!

Men of all ages are invited to join us at 7:00 am Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Room for a hot breakfast, prayer and Bible study.



Needed to borrow ~ Do you have a **golf putter** we can borrow for the Youth Club carnival on **April 26**? Kids will be using it to hit a golf ball into a hole on a practice putting green. Let Deb Marshall know if you have one we can borrow. Thank you!



A member has brought in a large number of **hearing aid batteries, free** for anyone that can use them. They are Kodak size 10, 13, and 312 (all are past the expiration date but likely have some good life left.) Help yourself in the Welcome Center.

UC Moms! ~ UC Moms is a group of mothers with kids of all ages that meet together to pray, fellowship, study God's word, and encourage and support one another. Our next meeting will be in the fellowship room on Monday, April 10, from 9:30-11. **Childcare is provided;** however, this group is for ALL moms. Our group includes moms of college kids, moms of babies, and moms of "in-between" kids! We look forward to seeing you! You may join us as your schedule allows. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.

Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- Consider making Maundy Thursday a part of your Holy Week plans and come and hear the disciples tell their story. (Thursday April 6th at 7:00)
- The Sanctuary will be open for prayer on Good Friday (April 7th) from 9am-1 pm
- On Easter weekend, there are no Sunday School classes, no young adult lunch, and no Cause program. Join us as we resume on April 16!
- Our Easter offering goes to One Great Hour of Sharing, for crisis relief worldwide.

ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY? If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Nursery care is available during both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long or Deb Marshall.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am – *Children's Palm Parade at the beginning of the service*

Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday – He is RISEN!

Service at 8:45am

Service at 11:00am

ADULT EDUCATION

BOOK OF PSALMS

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – This week, we will be watching and discussing session 6: "Lord, Like a Shepherd Lead Us".

PARENTING COFFEE HOUR

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Fellowship Room** - This week, we will be discussing transitioning into teen years.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**, at **the church**, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.



YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Bell Tower Room** – Join us for food, fellowship, and study! We are beginning a series on biblically-based leadership.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE CAUSE

NOTE: There is no Cause for the Easter/Spring Break. **We will be returning on Sunday, April 16.**

WORKCAMP SHAREHOLDER FUNDRAISER

Our workcampers are finishing up their annual shareholder fundraising initiative. Be on the lookout for students who may ask you to support them during their trip to Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

WORKCAMP MEETING - April 23 (after Sunday service)

Workcampers are asked to attend this meeting. We will be sharing updates on our fundraising efforts, giving updates on our trip details, and making other important preparations.

FAMILY

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY – April 30

During the Sunday School hour, at **9:45 AM**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall**, all age groups are invited to participate in our **Intergenerational Sunday School Class!** Similar to previous intergenerational classes, we will be coming together to enjoy breakfast, games, Bible study, and prayer. During our time together, we will be studying **John 21:1-15**.

YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

Parent Duties:

Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

April 5 – No Youth Club – Easter Break

April 12 – Pasquarelli, Nearpass, Hess

Snack for 50 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

April 5 – No Youth Club – Easter Break

April 12 – Hildebrandt

Family Time Themes:

April 5 – No Youth Club – Easter Break

April 12 – Camp Night and 1st graders visit!

1st graders can visit Youth Club!

Attention parents of first graders – your child can visit Youth Club on Wednesday, April 12th! This gives your child a chance to see what Youth Club is all about, and maybe have a better idea whether they'd like to join us in October. More detailed information has been sent directly to parents of first graders. Please RSVP to Deb by April 5th and let us know if your 1st grader will join us or not. Thank you!!

Volunteers are needed to help with Youth Club clean up, Wednesday, April 19 (5:45-6:45pm)

April 19th is our first performance of The Big Fish, our Youth Club musical!!!! We would like to have all Youth Club parents able to join us at 6pm to watch the performance. Because we want our Youth Club parents to join us, we need people to help who are *not* parents of YC Students to help with clean up. If you fit this category and are able to help, please let Deb Marshall know or sign up on Deb's office door. Thanks!

Volunteers are needed to work at Youth Club Dinner, Wednesday, April 26 (4:30-7:00pm)

April 26th is our last day of Youth Club!!!! We like to have all Youth Club children, parents and workers join us for pizza dinner and a closing program followed by sundaes.

Because we want our regular kitchen crew to join us for dinner and not be working in the kitchen, we need people to help who do *not* work at Youth Club and are *not* parents of YC students. If you fit this category and are able to help set up, serve dinner, prepare lemonade, clean up, etc, please let Deb Marshall know or sign up on Deb's office door. Thanks!


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It's that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp** brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child's faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a "campership."* Applications for camperships are being received now until the first Sunday of June. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Deb Marshall.

Here are our campers so far...  
Beaver Camp  
Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)  
Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)  
Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)  
Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)  
Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)



LeTourneau Christian Center  
Billy Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)  
Eva Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)  
Adele Marshall, July 17-21 (Arts-n-Crafts)\*, July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)\*, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)\*  
Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)

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VBS registration is open! Blast off with us at Stellar VBS this summer!! Join us on a cosmic adventure where kids will learn how to shine Jesus' light everywhere they go! Register by using the QR code below or the link sent to parents via email.

Our VBS will be held **July 10-14, 9am-12noon**; kids ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade can attend...kids entering 7th grade and up can be volunteer helpers. We are **2/3 full** so register soon! Questions? Contact Deb Marshall at



deb.marshall@uccdga.org

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**MISSIONS**

**On Easter Sunday** we will be collecting our annual special Easter Offering for the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This is a tangible expression of love as we walk with communities in times of crisis. Every day we hear of disasters, poverty and hunger in many places in our country and around the world, such as the recent Mississippi tornadoes. Your giving to our Easter offering will share faith, hope and love all around the world. Please give generously as we share the love of God with those who are suffering.



**Grace Payne's Outhouse Project Returns!**  
Started as an idea for her Gold Award in Girl Scouts last year, Grace's outhouse has made the rounds and will be at the United Church through mid-April.  
The point of the outhouse is to hold donations from the congregation, to be taken to organizations such as The Salvation Army, CCIA, Care Net, etc.

- The donations should consist of paper products such as:
- paper towels
  - toilet paper
  - wipes, etc.
  - feminine hygiene (pads, tampons)
  - baby items (diapers, baby wipes, lotion, baby powder, diaper cream)



After the 4 weeks, Grace will take the donations to the organizations and move the outhouse to another church or location within the county.

**Your food cart donations** are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. **(CCIA has specifically requested: diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.)** Thank you for your generous contributions.



It's not too late to drop off items needed to fill **School Kits for Church World Service!** Cash donations are welcome to support the \$2.00 per kit shipping/handling fee and to purchase items we may be short of.

We've received a generous donation of dozens of the totebags to put the supplies in, so we don't need any more bags. Thank you for helping children who want to learn.



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Rice Bowls

Our Children’s Lent Offering, Rice Bowl coin banks are due back on Easter Sunday (April 9th). Monies collected are used to provide 100% of the meals for children in 54 faith based children’s homes in 8 countries. ***This is a great way for our kids to help other kids in need.*** For more information, please see www.ricebowls.org. Thank you for sharing what God has given you!

**...Let us not Love with Words or Tongue
but with Actions & in Truth...
– 1 John 3:18**



Notes and Doodles:

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**Called to Care, Canandaigua** is approaching the end of the first year for this volunteer organization doing the work of welcome and resettlement of refugees here in the Canandaigua community. We have accomplished much because you have supported us through prayer, actions and financial and other donations. We are hearing the requests now from Syrians to reunite with their family here in Canandaigua because they have been displaced by the earthquake and the Haitian couple, who recently arrived, has relatives and friends in Haiti who would like to live lives filled with hope just as they are. And World Relief has families who have been in refugee camps for years. We know we may not find ways to open our hearts and community for all of these but we can help some. With this upon our hearts we are inviting you to consider joining us as we form additional Good Neighbor Teams...those caring groups of 6-10 individuals who will partner with World Relief to welcome and walk alongside a newly arrived refugee family. Our committees also will be looking for additional volunteers. And we are hoping to find additional sponsors for families from Haiti. You may speak with Cathy Bush or Linda Werts for more information.



**~~~~~ALSO~~~~~**

**Summer Housing Need:** Called to Care Canandaigua (Refugee Resettlement) is looking for a furnished rental for mid-May through August for a family of 3 - Ukrainian young mom, dad and 2-year old. They are renting from a snowbird, thus the need for a place to live elsewhere this summer. This is not one of the Called to Care Canandaigua families, but they are a family we care about and are related to one of the families.

Not an easy solution, so we are bringing this before you for your prayers and for your ideas and connections. Please contact Linda Werts or Cathy Bush if you can help.

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was NAHOR)

Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!

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## Holy Week (April 2-9 this year)

This is Holy Week – when we remember the last week of Jesus’ life, all he has done for us and the amazing and sure promise of eternal life with him. The Bible is a big book and sometimes it is hard to find the events we are looking for. Hope this helps.

Read through some of these verses to learn more about the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and our Friend, Jesus.

**Palm Sunday** – On this day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds waved palm branches and hailed him as king. (See Matthew 21:1-9; also Luke 19:28-40; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16)

**Maundy Thursday** –  
**The Last Supper** - Jesus observes the Passover meal with his disciples and gives them his final teachings:

A new command (maundy) ~ love one another (John 13:34)  
Do this in remembrance of me ~ Communion or the Lord’s Supper  
(See Matthew 26:26-30) (Also Mark 14:12-26; John 13:1-5, 12-17; Luke 22:7-20)

**Garden of Gethsemane** – After the meal, Jesus goes to the garden and prays, then is arrested. (Matthew 26:36-46; also Mark 14:32-52).

**Good Friday – The Crucifixion**  
Jesus is tried, condemned and is nailed to the cross, paying for our sins.  
(John 19:17-30; also Mark 15:1-41; Matthew 27:11-56; Luke 22:66-23:1-49)

**Saturday – In the Tomb**  
Jesus is buried and guards are posted to watch over his tomb. (Matthew 27:62-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42).

**Easter Sunday – The Resurrection**  
Jesus is risen from the grave! (John 20:1-18; Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24)

He is risen! He is risen indeed!