

OFFERING PRAYER

All people: Lord, we commit our offerings to your divine purpose. May our gifts be used to further Your kingdom, bringing light to dark places and hope to the hopeless. Amen.

HYMN

Abide With Me

Blue Hymnal #636

BENEDICTION

Pastor: My brothers and sisters, as we continue our journey into depths of Holy Week, let us keep our eyes on Jesus, for he will show us The Way.

All people: Amen

POSTLUDE

Exiting the Passion (Bell)

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

ACOLYTE

WORSHIP LEADERS & CHOIR RECESS

THE BODY OF CHRIST EXITS THE SANCTUARY AND ENTERS THE WORLD

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE HERE

Maundy Thursday - April 17 at 6 pm - In Remembrance of Me

Community Good Friday - April 18 at 2 pm – Castles Church, Manchester



Easter Sunrise - April 20 at 6:30 am - Hoover Cemetery, Mt. Wolf

Easter Breakfast - April 20 at 7:30 am - Starview UCC Fellowship Hall

Easter Service with Holy Communion & Baptism - April 20 at 9 am

Sixth Sunday of Lent

April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday: Risking Temptation

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PREWORSHIP MUSIC

PALM PROCESSION GATHERING – OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF PALMS

Pastor: Let us raise our palms and seek God's blessing upon them and us.

All people: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ. On this day, Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of Kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm branches along his way. Bless our branches and make them holy. As we carry this greenery, may we also carry your message of good news into the streets, our places of employment, marketplaces, homes, and churches. May our words be just the beginning of our proclamation that you are the Savior of the World. Bless us that our words and actions will shine forth your love and invite others to join the of ever-flowing throng of believers following Jesus to eternal life. Amen.

Pastor: And now, for those who are gathered across the airwaves and miles,— if you are able to do so comfortably, please stand and walk with us in the Palm Sunday Parade, repeating the words I say, which herald Jesus as our Messiah and King. We will process around the sanctuary one time and then take our places in the pews as the ancient Palm Sunday hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” is played. We’ll remain standing to sing.
Hosanna! (Echo)
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Hosanna in the highest! (Echo)
Blessed in the One who comes in the name of the Lord! (Echo)

PALM PROCESSION

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Kevin Crone, Organ

OPENING HYMN*All Glory, Laud, and Honor***Blue Hymnal #192**

(Congregation may be seated)

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**Mark 11:1-11****SPECIAL MUSIC***He'll Be Riding on a Donkey
Sing Hosanna to Jesus***JAM CHOIR****FROM PALM TO PASSION READING****SPECIAL MUSIC***Hosanna, Let our Voices Ring***Choir****INTROIT***Entering the Passion*

En - ter. — En-ter the pas - sion. — En-ter the place we be-long,

not just look-ing on. For this is our pas - sion. — En-ter the pas - sion. —

En-ter the sto - ry... — En-ter the pas - sion... — En-ter His pas - sion... —

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us pause at this crossroads in Jesus' Passion to make confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Here we are, Jesus. We find ourselves alongside you in a Garden of grief for the violence so many in this world endure. We see it but we don't know what to do. We are tired. We feel helpless and hopeless. And so, we sleep sometimes, hoping to awake from a bad dream. Forgive us, O God. Help us face this hour knowing you are always here. You only ask the same of us... to be present, to be awake to the suffering and violence around us. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE*Entering the Passion* (See INTROIT)**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: We, who desire to faithfully Jesus to the cross, let us hear the Good News: No matter what we face, or how we fail to meet the demand of the moment, second chances are possible. We are forgiven and freed, encouraged and loved by a God who wants us to live fully. This gives us a peace that passes understanding. So let us pass the peace of Christ with each other using the words: Peace be with you

*All people: And also with you.***WELCOME HYMN TO CHILDREN***I Love to Tell the Story***Blue Hymnal #480****THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES***Jesus In the Garden of Gethsemane***Mark 14:32-36****HYMN***Go to Dark Gethsemane* (Verses 1 & 2, only)**Blue Hymnal #196****EPISTLE READING****Ephesians 6:11-17****A CHARACTER EMERGES FROM THE STORY****Andrew Boyer, Dramatist****SUNG RESPONSE***Go to Dark Gethsemane* (Verse 3, only)**Blue Hymnal #196****SERMON****Rev. Laura C. Baker****PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using "sins")

All people: 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM*Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow* (Peterson)**Chancel Choir****OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." May the Good Lord bless our contributions of money, time, and talent, that they be a source of blessing to those in need. Let us dedicate all we give to the Lord with a song and prayer. Please stand, as you are able to do so comfortably.

OFFERING SONG*Go to Dark Gethsemane* (Verse 4, only)**Blue Hymnal #196**