

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:30 AM Worship

*At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.* ***Bolded text******is read or sung by all.***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**COME**

Voluntary All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name   Kevin McChesney

Westminster Handbell Choir

Ronald Hazelett, *director*

\*Call to Worship Kevin Spring

 King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

 **Hail! King Jesus, King of all!**

 Recall the words of the Scriptures: “A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’”

 **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven!**

\*Hymn 88  All Glory, Laud, and Honor   VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Anthem     This Little Light of Mine arr. Zack Troyer

Children’s Choir

     Zack Troyer, *director*

**ENCOUNTER**

Prayer of Confession

 **In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God. Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him”, we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior - praise God - we have in Christ. Lord, forgive us.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

 **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.**

 **Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*

 **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Moment for Ministry Cindy Weiss

 Outreach/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Time for Church Life

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick-up after the service.*

Offertory I Think I Heard Him Say    Gilbert Martin

*soloists*: Joel Rhoads and Laurel Labbe

*Text: I think I heard him say when he was strugglin’ up the hill, “Take my mother home. Then I’ll die easy.” I think I heard him say when they were puttin’ up the cross, “Take my mother home. Then I’ll die easy.” I think I heard him say when they were nailin’ in the nails, “Take my mother home.” I think I heard him say, when he was givin’ up the ghost, “Take my mother home. Then I’ll die easy.”*

\*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *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 Sheila Svoboda, Collection of Fish Boxes

*Following the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 3rd graders are invited to children’s choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the Education Building and 4th-8th graders will meet in the Pastor’s Study annex for bell choir rehearsal. The children will meet at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and someone will take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents please pick-up your children after worship.*

**GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson  Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Pew Bible, Old Testament  Pg. 565

\*Hymn 76  My Song Is Love Unknown    LOVE UNKNOWN

The Second Lesson   John 12:12-16 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 106

 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon         Cornerstone  The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

**SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith         Philippians 2:5-11

 **Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayers of the People 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.**

The Passion Narrative      Matthew 27: 11-54          James Mismas

\*Hymn 98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary   The carillon will ring 33 times

representing the years of Jesus’ life on earth.

***Welcome to our worship this morning!***

*Join us for coffee and fellowship*

*in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

USHERS this morning are Brad Hall (head usher) Mike Grau, Andi Jopperi and Jim and Sook Lee.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. Please ask an usher.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

CHILDREN’S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher.

DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE You are always welcome to bump elbows rather than shake hands during the Passing of the Peace. We understand that this concern is particularly timely during the cold and flu season. Please remember to not take it personally if others prefer an elbow bump or a simple nod at any point in the year.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: IN MARCH WE HIGHLIGHT **those who participate in our worship service or enhance our worship space.** Worship Committee members, those who provide leadership for the Christmas Pageant, Ushers (both adults and Tweens), Sound System Technicians, Communion Servers, Liturgists and Liturgist Scheduler, Pew Crew, Bulletin Proofreaders, those who work in the Celtic Garden which supplies flowers for worship, those who donate flowers, Flower Arrangers, Hanging of the Greens, Children’s Activity Boxes, and Hanging of the Paraments.

**COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING We will have a Moment for Ministry highlighting this special collection which will be received today.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION will take place during the children’s sermon on Easter Sunday. Please bring items to donate.

MISSING COAT At a recent worship service or church event a black men’s coat was taken inadvertently and a larger coat was left. Please check your coat at home to make sure you took the correct coat home. Contact Bill Bramley if you discover the discrepancy at 330-715-0743.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PARKING SPACES BEHIND AND NEXT TO THE CHURCH ARE NOW DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PARKING ON SUNDAYS. We ask anyone without a placard to park across the street in the large church parking lot and cross safely with the Akron police officer.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Thursday, March 29 at 7:o0 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday Service

*Reflective service where Communion is served in silence.*

**Friday, March 30 at 12:00 (noon)**

Good Friday Service

*Reflective service that ends in silence in Eberts Chapel.*

**Sunday, April 1 at 8:00 a.m.**

Easter Sunday Communion Service

*Outside Easter Communion Service on Johnstone Patio.*

**and 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday Communion Service

*Easter Communion Service with Paragon Brass Quintet in Sanctuary.*

**Education for children, tweens, youth** **and adults**

will NOT be held on Sunday, April 1. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 8.

**Childcare** will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Easter.

***Calendar of Church Building Events***

***for March 25– April 1, 2018***

**Sunday, 3/25: Palm/Passion Sunday**

8:45 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Kitchen/WHH)

7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting #7 of 10 (Tween Room)

**Monday, 3/26:** No activities planned

**Tuesday, 3/27:**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

**Wednesday, 3/28:**

4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty/Circles (WHH/Kitchen/Library)

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, 3/29: Maundy Thursday**

 8:00 am Eye-Opener Bible Study (Room 106)

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service/Communion (Sanctuary)

**Friday, 3/30: Good Friday**

12:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service (Eberts Chapel)

**Saturday, 3/31: Holy Saturday**

**Sunday, 4/1: Easter Sunday**

8:00 am Easter Service/Communion (Johnstone Patio)

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:00 am Coffee and fellowship (Kitchen/WHH)

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (church lawn)

10:30 am Easter Worship/Communion & Paragon Brass Quintet (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Kitchen/WHH)

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

* We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
* You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
* We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
* 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 Wednesday at noon.

JUNE/JULY 2018 SCRIPT will be distributed on Sunday, May 27, 2018. The Script will cover activities between May 27 – July 29, 2018. Articles will be due Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

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