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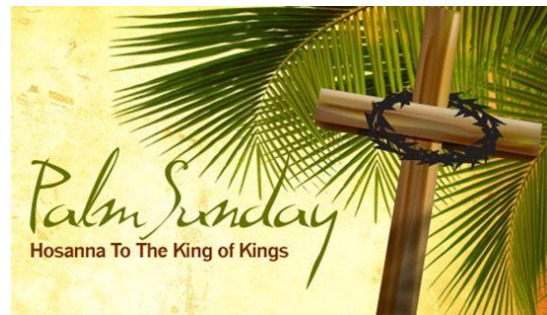
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April 14th, 2019

Palm / Passion Sunday

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP THE WORD "WORSHIP" COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR "WORTHY." WHEN WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THAT GOD ALONE IS "WORTHY" OF OUR LIVES AND OUR PRAISE. TODAY IS THE SIXTH AND FINAL SUNDAY IN THE CHRISTIAN SEASON OF LENT, A TIME OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT EASTER CELEBRATION. CHRISTIANS CALL THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER "PALM SUNDAY," BECAUSE TODAY WE REMEMBER HOW JESUS RODE INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY AND WAS WELCOMED BY A CROWD WAVING PALM BRANCHES: A WELCOME FIT FOR A KING. TOWARDS THE END OF OUR WORSHIP TODAY HOWEVER, WE WILL ALSO REMEMBER JESUS' PASSION, OR SUFFERING: HOW THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ONCE WELCOMED HIM AS KING WOULD SOON ABANDON HIM, PUT A MOCKING CROWN OF THORNS ON HIS HEAD, AND SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH ON A CROSS. AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP, ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE FULL MEANING OF THIS HOLY WEEK BEFORE EASTER.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

DWIGHT WILLETT

(All children are invited to gather in the narthex to prepare for the procession of the palms)

Opening Prayer

Prelude

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Entry of the Light of Christ

PLEASE USE THIS TIME TO FOCUS YOUR WHOLE SELF - MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT -
ON WORSHIPPING GOD, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

OFFERING OUR PRAISE, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS

Scripture Reading

LUKE 19:28-40

Choral Call to Worship & Children's Procession

"Hosanna to Jesus"

^Liturgy of the Palms

(Please raise your palm branch.)

Today Jesus our king comes to us riding on a donkey.

Let us praise him in word and deed. Hosanna to the Son of David!

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Hosanna to the King of kings!

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

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

- ^ **Song of Praise** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278
- ^ **Sharing of the Peace of Christ** "The peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you."
(Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we have been granted forgiveness and peace with God and with one another. As a sign and celebration of the peace we have been given, we invite you to turn to your neighbors, extend your hand, and greet/bless them with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

- Offertory** "How Beautiful" BRENDA SPARKS
- Doxology** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95
- Children's Message** BRUCE IKARD
- Children's Change Offering** SPRING MISSION TRIP
(Following the children's change offering, parents of small children may choose to escort their little ones to our church nursery: our nursery volunteers will meet you in the welcome center just outside the sanctuary.)

- Call to Prayer** "Jesus, Remember Me" UMH 488

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

- ^ **Scripture Reading** Luke 19:41-47 NT 79
- Proclamation of the Word** "Jesus vs. Religion: Cleaning out the Temple" REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

- Choral Anthem** "Behold the Shepherd" CHANCEL CHOIR
- ^ **Responsive Reading** The Passion of Jesus Christ: Mark 15:1-29 (SEE INSERT)
- ^ **Benediction**
- ^ **Postlude**

^IF ABLE, PLEASE STAND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **IF YOU'RE NEW HERE . . . WELCOME!** We're glad you could join us, whether you're new to the community, new to our church, or if you might be new to this whole "church" thing altogether. We hope you won't be nervous: it doesn't matter who you are, what you've done, what you're wearing, what you believe, or what you don't believe – you are welcome here. You are among friends, and we hope you feel at home in this place of grace.
- **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO CHILDREN!** Parents, we are so grateful that you and your children are here to worship with us! We believe that children have much to teach us about how to receive the Kingdom of God, so please don't worry about your kids being a distraction in worship: the sounds that children make are music to our ears, and we are genuinely grateful that they are in our midst.
- **CHURCH NURSERY** - If it is helpful, you are welcome to leave your child with the caring and trained volunteers in our church nursery, which is located in our Sunday School hallway; or, if you prefer, you can make use of the "family room" which we set up each Sunday in the blue-carpeted foyer at the back of the sanctuary: that way your child can play and roam freely while you can relax and listen in to the service. Contact our nursery coordinator Glenna Tasedan at 336-908-8075.

APRIL/MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TRUSTEE MEETING (BRIEF)** After church today in the Faithlink Classroom.
- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY- TODAY** - All teenagers (Summit) and children K-5 (Hilltoppers) are invited to meet at the church at 5:30pm for a time of food, fun, fellowship, and faith.

- **APRIL WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH AT 6:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** All are welcome to join us to eat together and to share in a brief time of Holy Week devotion..
- **"WERE YOU THERE?": MAKE PLANS TO WORSHIP WITH US AND WALK WITH JESUS DURING THIS HOLY WEEK:** Holy Week is a sacred time when we remember what Jesus experienced for us in the last week of his human life: his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), his Last Supper with his disciples and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane (Maundy Thursday), his death on the Cross (Good Friday), and his joyous resurrection (Easter Sunday). Bring a friend and please join us during Holy Week for the year's most powerful experiences of worship:

MAUNDY THURSDAY (<i>w/ Holy Communion</i>)	Thursday, April 18th, 7:00pm
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday, April 19th, 7:00pm
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (<i>the Orchard at Altapass</i>)	Sunday, April 21st, 7:00am
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE	Sunday, April 21st, 11:00am

(w/ refreshments, flowering of cross and church photo beginning at 10:15am)
- **MISSION TRIP TO DUPLIN COUNTY** - Hurricane Florence devastated eastern North Carolina and one of the areas getting the least attention is Duplin County. We are sending a team there May 5-10th, next month, We will be staying in a Baptist mission work camp and helping the rebuild in these communities. For more information call Marvin at 766-5379 or Pastor Jeremy at 467-8743.
- **SUMMIT YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - MAY 5TH AT 6PM @ SPUMC** - All are welcome to join us as the members of our cooperative area United Methodist youth group, Summit, lead a special worship service. As part of worship a special love offering will be received for the youth's mission trip to Honduras. Please make plans to come to both support our youth and to be blessed by their faith.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONTACT PERSON** - Jan Hamilton is the contact person for the 2nd quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 828-385-2201.
- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, food, toiletries and your prayers. Thank you & God Bless, Phil White
- **WE INVITE EACH FAMILY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE CAN OF FOOD EACH WEEK** for the Shepherd's Staff food assistance ministry. There is a box in the Welcome Center...let's fill it each week! Please check the "Best Used Before" date on the items you donate and make sure it is more than 30 days before expiration. Thank you.
- **PLEASE FILL OUT THE PEW REGISTRATION PADS** by the windows at the end of each pew. **Pass them to the inside** and the ushers will pick them up after they receive the offering.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE:

(If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please exchange dates with someone and let the church office know.)

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	NURSERY	PRESCHOOL
4/14	Dwight Willett	Bruce Ikard	Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist	Rachelle Shock	Tracy Deyton
4/21	Tim Drum	Greg Hoilman	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Chelsea Thayer	Kim Ledford
4/28	Bruce Ikard	Kathey Hollifield	Josh & Jennifer Newton	Becky Nance	Meredith Hoilman
5/5	Marvin Walker	Sharon Drum	Danna Gibson & Maria Douglass	TBA	TBA

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Al-Anon	Every Thursday	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-3360

OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT

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- **GENERAL PRAYERS:** For all who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord; for the well-being of our community; for local, state, national, and world leaders

- **SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members (*Shirley McManus*); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Ramona Gragg*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; David Hoeppner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Carolyn Boles*); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2019; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jane Greenwood; *Tim Hollifield*; Olivia Silver; Amanda Drum; James Davis; J.C. Gage; Crystal Wood; Stan Elkins; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Dakota Yelton; Kimberly Oberhammer family; *Beverly Hale*; Mike Bartlett; Dennis Chandler; Rosemary Coffman; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Barbara Butts (*Ann Denny's daughter*); Tess Coulter (*Jack Burleson's mom - Hospice*); Corey & Katheryn Hoilman & new baby Avery; Nathan Hoilman
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** those who have suffered miscarriage; family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman; the family of Zoe Ellis; Gloria Schulman & family; family of Henry Street; family of Bea White; Paul Sherman & family (death of father); the family of John Ahlquist; the family of Kathryn Riddle; the family of Maggie Young; the family of John Grant
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's dad - back*); Atlas Benton (back); *Ann Denny*; Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*); Allan "Jerry" Douglass (corneal transplant surgery); Bishop Sharma Lewis; Madeline McKenzie (Shoulder); *Danna Gibson (Crohn's)*; David Wilson; Meredith Hoilman (bone marrow donor); Heather Walker (heart transplant); Norma Weathers; *Neil Brown (surgery)*; Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ann Winfield (heart surgery); *Wanda Henline*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (cancer treatment); Jada Daniels (lung); Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Brian Baker; Rev. Brenda McDaniel; Claire Spence; Becky Hoilman; Unnamed Person; Bill Hayes; Dan Whetstone; Dick Hautala; Darren Ward; Mike Burke (brain tumor); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Lisa McKinney; Cheryl Oglesby; Marcia Murphy
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson; Nelda Johnson; Danna Gibson; Allison Street; Brian Westveer (fall); Sarah Hobart; Amanda Ikard (discs); Martha Wrenn (Crohn's); Coy Hollifield; Sam Blevins (lungs); Carol Woodward
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; Thacker family (house fire); people of Venezuela
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Dayton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Shepherd's Staff
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Troxler or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern. Please submit names to the church office by Thursday morning to be included on the weekly list.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK						ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
14 - Troy Hoilman	15 - Tracy Carroll	16 - Dolly Phillips	17 - Richard Rogers	18 - Donnie Peters	20 - Jim Sockwell	15 - Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola
PRESENCE:		April 7th, 2019				11:00 - 145
GIFTS	April 7th, 2019	General Fund - \$6,726.00				Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$77,478.00				YTD Budget Need - \$64,162.00
		Children's Offering - \$100.60 - Spring Mission Trip				Shepherd's Staff - \$25.00
		Community Assistance - \$240.00				Shepherd's Staff Donations - 31

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...

Lector: Dwight Willett Greeters: Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist Children's Time: Bruce Ikard
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Rachelle Shock Preschool: Tracy Dayton Offertory: Brenda Sparks

WITNESS: THERE IS NO MORE SACRED TIME THAN THIS WEEK OF HOLY WEEK. THE SERVICES WE WILL EXPERIENCE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER SUNDAY ARE AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE YEAR. THIS WEEK, MAKE BEING PRESENT AT CHURCH YOUR #1 PRIORITY, ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE IN YOUR LIFE. TREAT THESE SERVICES LIKE A MINI-REVIVAL. AND DON'T COME ALONE: BE A WITNESS THIS WEEK. MANY PEOPLE ARE MORE OPEN TO PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP THIS TIME OF YEAR: SO INVITE SOMEONE TO COME WITH YOU.

****Next Week's Scripture - Easter! - April 21st, 2018****

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12