



First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15am Sunday Worship

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

Vivian Eaton

EXCLAIM WITH DELIGHT – “HOSANNA”

HYMN #657 “This Is the Day”

THE SEVENTH WORD FROM THE CROSS (Insert or Screen)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship the Lord, not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

P: We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

L: Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

P: Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use. We are Christ's servants and may we be of the same mind.

A: We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Praise be unto God!

HYMN #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (Insert or Screen, v.1&3)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all shall follow the example of his great humility.

Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:20-25, 28-29 (NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON (Please Rise) Mark 11:4-11 (CEB)

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #370 “Victory in Jesus” (Insert or Screen, v.1 only)

MESSAGE “Circumcise our Lives” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their clothes on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION

Go forth and continue to see him in the world!

Go where he goes and do what he commands.

And may the peace of God rule and abide with you now and forever! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on our Church Website. www.firstumcsavanna.org Call 815-599-1307 to hear our latest sermon. Tune into [FM 88.9](#) for Drive in worship service.

In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne and Adam Woods, Dawn Barber, Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Jeff Law, Don Kramer, Ruth Clay

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman. The victims of the massive shooting in Colorado Our country and government / West Carroll Schools

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 29 – Susan Ingersoll, Burt Prins, Susan White

30 – Jeff Davidson

31 – Miranda Schoenhaar

April 1 – Nicole David, Rosemary Hartman,

Katie Hoffman, Sarah Murphy

1 – Paul & Charlene Mayer 1964

2 – April Ruddell, Bill Weidman

3 – Ben Fosdick

4 – John Belander

Calendar

Monday, March 29

9am Yoga

1pm Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 pm Virtual Prayer

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion #7
 Thursday, April 1
 9 am Bible Study
 9 am Yoga
 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service
 Friday, April 2
 Good Friday
 Sunday, April 4
 10:15 am Easter Sunday (Hybrid Service)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today. We are glad you are here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. Friendly reminder: Charlene & Paul Mayer you are the counter(s) for next week. The verifier is Tom Michels. Thank you!
3. We are continuing hybrid service. We can have up to 50 people inside. If you are not comfortable with coming inside you can still do drive in service. Please, tune radio to station FM 88.9, or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon. We will also have our service available on our website.
4. Worship helpers for April 4th service:
 Inside: Liturgist – Brennan Cavanagh, Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Carlo & Linda Stubbe
 Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Acolyte – Lakin Lawrence
 Attendance – Mary Irons, Audio – Kris Yingling, Kay Cavanagh
 Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen
5. Today, there will be audio and computer training immediately following service for Rhonda Badtke, Kay Cavanagh, Chris Falk and Kris Yingling. There will be Acolyte training also.
6. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 24 inside and 50 outside.
7. Food pantry update: Items they need at this time are: cereal and juice and cake mix. Blessing Basket: C & D batteries, paper towels. Monetary donations are always welcome! Thank you!
8. All three local schools are hosting proms this year! Check your closets or check with friends to see if anyone has a dress they would like to donate to the Thrift store. 1st prom is WC on 4/24, Chadwick/Milledgeville is 5/1 and Eastland is 5/8. Can pick up any donations, Contact Nancy Sweitzer at 815-622-8132. Thank You!
9. Yoga class has resumed for anyone interested. Every Monday and Thursday at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Masks and social distancing are required during the class.



Maundy Thursday Service

4/1, Thursday at 6:30pm
 Prayer Stations, Hymns, Communion
 Please, join us!

OUTREACH TEAM



Soup & Sandwich To go Lunch

Sunday, April 18th
 Following the church service
 Curb-side pick up in the parking lot

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds will go towards mission projects

Serving soup, sandwich, chips and dessert

See you there!



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Sunday, 10:15 am
 March 28, 2021

Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic
 (to build up strong and vital church)
 Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;
 do not be frightened or dismayed,
 for the Lord your God is with you
 wherever you go
 (Joshua 1:9)”*

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