



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.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship April 13, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

PROCESSIONAL WITH KIDS AND PALMS
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Video

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sixth word from the Cross John 19:30
Jesus said, 'It is completed.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.” We wonder if Jesus spoke these words in relief, disappointment, resignation, or exaltation. It was indeed the end of His life on earth and the end of the job He had come to do. Jesus constantly reminded the people that He had come to do the will of His Father in heaven: “Did you not know that I must be about my father’s business ... My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work ... My Father is working still, and I am working ... I must work the works of Him who sent me ... I have glorified Thee on earth; I have finished the work which Thou gave me to do.” Jesus had preached the gospel, revealed God in action, spoken the truth in love, and had reconciled man to God. Jesus’ work here on earth was done, and the glorious dawn of Easter morning was yet to come.

Today’s symbol, the nails, remind us that Jesus’ love for us was so great that He gave everything ... even His life’s blood. We also place palm branches upon the cross today to symbolize the triumphant entry of Christ into our lives.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Molly Andersen
L: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.
P: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!
L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.
P: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!
L: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.
P: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!
L: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save.

P: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

***VIDEO** “Shout to the Lord”

***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison) Molly Andersen
God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, it opens us to both hope and pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Molly Anderson

GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God

HYMN Worship DVD

MESSAGE  "The Journey to Sorrow" Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERING OURSELVES
***DOXOLOGY #95**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (in Unison)
God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***VIDEO** “Here I Am Lord” Collin Raye

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

IN OUR PRAYERS
Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb & Ben Pratt, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi (Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Ron Miller, Jamie Harkness Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Rhonda Eickert, Tim Cavanagh, Thomas James (LeaAnn & Tom Michel’s grandson), Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori Moore’s dad), James, Kim, & Amanda Gonzalez, Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Beatrice Johnson (Kim Gonzalez’ mother-in-law), Vicki & Micheal Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, 5 firefighters injured from area fire departments, the Lars Colgan family, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 14 – Ennie Maria de Castro
- 14 – Kathie Prins
- 15 – Claire Floming
- 16 – Heather Bradbury
- 16 – Alice Riffe-Torrison

CALENDAR

Monday, April 14

- 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office opens
- 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
- 6:30 pm – Service Club

Tuesday, April 15

- Telstar items due!
- 9 am to 12 noon – Office opens
- 5 pm – Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, April 16

- 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office opens
- 4:30 to 6:30 pm – JOY Dinner

Thursday, April 17 (Pastor gone)

- 9 am to 12 noon – Office opens
- 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

- 12 noon – Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20 (Easter)

- 7:30 am – Sunrise Service
- 8:15 am - Breakfast
- 9:15 am – Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:15 am – Easter Service

WORSHIP HELPERS		
	April 20	April 27
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Lexi Piercy/Esther Losh	LaVona Grissinger
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	Easter Breakfast	Bruce & Rhonda Badtke
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry is in need of donations, along with the Savanna Food Pantry. For every dollar you donate, they can buy \$8 for food. You can designate on your offering envelope if you would like to make a monetary donation, just specify which pantry and how much. Thank you!

The Blessing Basket - Thank you for all your donations! Please consider supplying a bottle of dish detergent & facial tissues this month.

The Women's Group - is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for the homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

Jesus Is In The House – Find Him, Keep Him! You only keep one but everyone needs a Little Jesus!!! (now thru Easter)

Prayer Group – Pastor will hold an in-person prayer group at 8:30 am every Sunday morning. Feel free to attend!!!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

Lenten Bible Study – Last one will be on Tuesday, April 15th at 5 pm.

JOY Dinner – will be April 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, and cobbler will be served. The program will have a master gardener speaking. Get your RSVP’s to the office by 12 noon on Monday, April 14th!

Lenten Services – Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm @ FUMC, Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th at 12 noon @ FUMC.

Easter Worship Services on April 20th – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am on the deck (weather permitting), and regular service at 10:15 am. Both services will have communion. Breakfast will be served between services along with an Easter Egg hunt!

Rice Meal Packing – will be Saturday, April 26th. Donations are being accepted. Baskets will be in the back of the Sanctuary to donate. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Volunteers Are Needed – to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office know.



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Vision Statement
“Our faith calls us to action in the
body of Christ and in the local
community to love God and to
love others”

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