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March 29, 2026 8:00AM and 10:30AM Worship

Palm to Passion Sunday

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

All of Lent leads up to holy Week, the week in which Jesus enters Jerusalem and faces death. It begins with Palm Sunday, heads to the meal in the Upper Room and ends with those closest to Christ witnessing his death on the cross. Purple is the color of Lent, but Holy Week is framed in the red and black of the Passion of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Lent may provide a time for community and individual preparation for the following of Jesus on the most difficult of paths, the path of self-sacrificing love.

The Palms

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE “Lift Up Your Heads”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

***HYMN #215 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”**

(Waving our Palms)

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Jerusalem, Behold Your King”

Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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**

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Let our hosannas to the one who brings liberation
take form in the offerings we now bring.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #216 (v1)**

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set
before them. May these gifts build shelters and places
of prayer for those who are homeless.
May these gifts proclaim your desire
that all your creation live in peace. Amen.**

***HYMN #213 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

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The Passion

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
As we journey toward the cross, we confess that
we have often turned away from your path.**

**We have sought comfort over courage, silence over truth,
and self-interest over sacrificial love.**

**Like the crowds, we have praised you with our lips
yet denied you in our actions.**

**Forgive us for the times we have followed from a distance,
for the moments we have chosen safety instead of faithfulness.**

**Renew our hearts, O Lord,
that we may walk with You in humility,
stand with you in suffering,
and rise with you in hope.**

Through Jesus Christ, who bore our sin and shame, we pray.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Where and when we fail, God is there to make all things new.

Where and when we reach out with
trembling hands and shaky hearts,

God holds us close and forgives all things.

Go in the knowledge that you are forgiven and cherished. Amen.

HYMN #219 “Journey to Gethsemane”

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

PRAYER/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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***HYMN #224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE:**

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Today’s worship liturgy has come from The United Church of Christ’s Book of Worship and from the **On-One** resource, Worship Ways, Year A 2017 Palm Sunday: Gathered Together in Praise: Service Prayers for Palm-Passion Sunday written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Faith Formation; Curator for Worship and Liturgical Arts. © 2017 Local Church Ministries, Faith Formation Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-1100. Permission granted to reproduce or adapt this material for use in services of worship or church education. All publishing rights reserved.

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*For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area.
Please call the office to be removed.*

******* PASTOR FRED WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE/CHURCH FROM THURSDAY, APRIL 9th THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 18th. Kara Young will be doing the worship service on April 12th. Carl Glover (717-253-1402) will be the On-Call-Pastor for emergencies while Pastor Fred is out.**



In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communications Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know.

The “info. gatherer” for the month of April is Ruth Krietz. Contact her at 717-337-1395 where you may leave a message, or at ruthkrietz@gmail.com . Thanks for your input.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE BLESSING ROOM WILL BE OPEN MONDAY,

MARCH 30TH FROM 10:00AM-11:00AM. Supplies are needed as well as volunteers to help set up and tear down. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please arrive at 9:00am to help set-up and tearing down takes about an hour. Thank you!

Remember, anything you use, they use. Body wipes and Soaps; Oral care products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash); Deodorants; Feminine care products; Skin Lotions - hands & body; Razors and shaving cream; Hair care products (Shampoo, brushes, combs); Socks, mittens and underwear; Bandages & Bacterial ointments (for small cuts); Vaseline and Lip Gloss. **NO oral drugs please!**

FINAL CHANCE TO GIVE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) – Rebuilding

lives with love. When you give to OGHS, you are sharing your love offering to the world- through disaster relief, economic development, or essentials like food, water, and shelter. Your love is shared in practical, life sustaining, and transformative ways. **Flyers and giving envelopes in the pews and Gathering Area.** Donations accepted until the end of March.

DINNER CHURCH: Wednesday, April 1st @ 5:30pm A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group. No reservations needed. Just show up with food to share!

MISSION TRIP: August 2nd – August 8th @ Appalachian South Forklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia. Join us for Trinity's very first Mission Trip! You must be at least 13 yrs old to 99 yrs young. There is no cost to this week of mission! Financing will come from our New Ministires Initiatives Fund. We will be working with the Folklife Center's 55-year-old Workcamp Program while experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Appalachia!

5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RESULTS:

March – Adams Rescue Mission- Envelopes are available in the pews and Gathering Area. Make checks payable to Trinity UCC, memo line - ARM

May – Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen

August – Adams County Library System

November – South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP)

A total of 2,058 diapers and 1088 wipes were recently delivered to Tender Care. There is a need for sizes 5 – 6 diapers. Thank you for your support and please continue to donate diapers for this much needed community mission.

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ATTENDANCE 3/22: 8:00am 20 10:30am 28 On-line 128 TOTAL 171

FINANCE REPORT 3/22:

Envelope Offering Need: \$44,544.00 Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$37,996.32

Property Fund Need: \$4,620.00 Property Offering Rec'd: \$1,885.00

THIS WEEK

Today, 3/29: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Dinner following 10:30 worship – *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, 3/30: 10:00am-11:00am Blessing Room open – *Fellowship Hall*
(9:00am – 12:00pm Volunteers for Blessing Room)

Wednesday, 4/1: 5:30pm Dinner Church – *Fellowship Hall*
7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, 4/2: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship with Communion

Friday, 4/3: 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*

6:00pm Good Friday worship – *Gettysburg Presbyterian Church*

Easter Sunday, 4/5: 6:30am Early worship with Communion
Straban Township Pavilion behind Tractor Supply

9:00am Traditional worship w/Communion

Monday, 4/6: PASTOR FRED OFF

Thursday, April 9th through Saturday, April 18th – Pastor out of office

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Pastor

Jim Orner 8:00am Cathy Hammons 10:30am

Liturgists

Sara Shank

Organist/Choir Director

Mark Luckenbaugh

Percussionist

Janet & Steve Sheely 10:30am

Greeters

8:00am

Harry Hilbert 10:30am

Usher

Teeyara Weiant

Acolyte

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey,

Tech Team

Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz, Garrison

Redding, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

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Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
O Christ, with brave hu-mil-i-ty,
On low-ly colt, your road pur-sue,
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.

2. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
As crowds of peo-ple come to see
And shout ho-san-nas, lift-ing high
their praise for one a-bout to die.

3. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
Ride on in hum-ble dig-ni-ty;
Be-hold the ones you came to save
from sense-less life and end-less grave.

4. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!
For you have set your peo-ple free
And we, re-mem-bering all your pain,
now meet a-gain to hail your reign.

Luke 19:36–38; Zech. 9:9

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

1. “Ho-san-na, loud ho-san-na,” the lit-tle chil-dren sang;
through pil-lared court and tem-ple the love-ly an-them rang;
To Je-sus, who had blessed them close fold-ed to his breast,
the chil-dren sang their prais-es, the sim-plest and the best.

2. From Ol-i-vet they fol-lowed a-mid a cheer-ing crowd,
the vic-tor palm branch wav-ing, and chant-ing clear and loud.
The one whom an-gels wor-ship rode on in low-ly state,
and glad to see the chil-dren, slowed down the don-key’s gait.

3. “Ho-san-na in the high-est!” That an-cient song is ours.
We hail our great Re-deem-er and sing with all our powers:
“Ho-san-na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Ho-san-na! In your pres-ence for-ev-er we’ll re-joice!”

Mark 11:8–10; Matt. 21:15

James Montgomery, 1820; alt.

1. Jour-ney to Geth-se-ma-ne,
go and feel the tempt-er's power;
Your Re-deem-er's con-flict see,
watch the an-guish of this hour;
Do not hide or turn a-way:
learn from Je-sus how to pray.
2. Fol-low then to Pi-late's hall,
view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,
faith-ful-ly this pain sus-tained;
Great-er still than shame or loss,
Je-sus now must face the cross.
3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb,
see the Sav-ior lift-ed high,
Mark the mir-a-cle of time,
God's own Child is sac-ri-ficed;
"It is fin-ished!" Je-sus cries:
learn from Je-sus how to die.
4. Ear-ly has-ten to the tomb,
hear the cry of great sur-prise;
Then the si-lence in the room,
Je-sus there no long-er lies:
Christ is ris-en! Re-al-ize
that with Christ we, too, may rise.

John 18:1–20:18

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

1. When I sur-vey the won-drous cross,
on which the Christ of glo-ry died,
My rich-est gain I count but loss,
and pour con-tempt on all my pride.

2. For-bid it, then, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most
I sac-ri-fice them to Christ's blood.

3. From sa-cred head, from hands, and feet,
sor-row and love flow min-gled down!
Did e'er such love and sor-row meet,
or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of na-ture mine,
that were a pres-ent far too small;
Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine,
de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Gal. 6:14; Phil. 3:7–8