

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please continue to social distance; Masks may be worn at your discretion.
Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude “Hosanna to the Son of David” *Tomás Luis de Victoria*

§ Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

§ **Processional Hymn UMH #278** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Litany of the Lenten Candles

Leader: Let us enter God’s gates of justice with thankful hearts.

People: **Anyone who is right with God can enter.**

Leader: This is God’s day to celebrate.

People: **Palm branches at the altar mark our celebration.**

Leader: As we extinguish the sixth Lenten candle, we recall that God’s Son, Jesus Christ, became like one of us so that we may have access to God, and this became possible through Christ’s death on the cross. (*Extinguish the sixth candle.*)

People: **O God, what Christ has done for us is truly wondrous. Even though He was your son, He humbled Himself for us on the cross. We truly agree, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Amen.**

Presentation of the 2023 Easter Cantata, Antonio Vivaldi’s *Gloria* (*See insert for program.*)

Service of Word and Table (Holy Communion)

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.
You may also follow along with the slides for today’s communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *John Carter*

§ **Doxology UMH #95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

§ Solemn Recessional in Silence

§ Benediction

As Jesus set his face toward Calvary and the cross, let us enter this Holy Week focusing our hearts and minds on the extraordinary love that motivated and enabled Jesus to lay down his life for us. Walk on God's shining path which is bright with the light of faith, hope and love. Go from this place living in the brightness of Jesus Christ, our companion, Savior and guide. Knowing that you are held by the same love that held our Lord. In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Postlude

“Lead me to Calvary”

Eleanor Whitsett

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so, leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

Facetime by the Big Bell

Announcements

We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

- **The Lenten Study covering Magrey R. deVega's *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* will conclude today in the Parlor after worship.**
- **UWF is holding a luncheon on Wednesday, April 5th at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.** Lunch costs \$10, RSVP to Donna Dow TODAY at (815) 963-3020. Joan Lodge, Administrator of Adult Community Mental Health at Rosecrance, will give a special presentation. Make check donations payable to Rosecrance or bring items from their donation list (see flier in handicap foyer for details.).
- **Join us in the Chapel for our final mid-week worship service of the season at 12 noon this Wednesday, April 5th.**
- **The Maundy Thursday Service will be held in the Chapel at 6 p.m. on April 6th.**
- **The Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held in the Chapel at 12 noon on April 7th.**
- **The Children & Youth are invited to enjoy a special Easter Egg Hunt** downstairs in the Youth Lounge after the children's message concludes on Easter Sunday.
- **The church will be closed Monday, April 10th in observance of Easter.**
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11th in the Library.**
- **Garden Bazaar order forms are due Friday, April 14th.** Additional copies of the Garden Bazaar order forms are available from the church office, online, and in the Narthex.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team

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Van Driver: Tim Gorman

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“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Luke 19:38, NRSV

