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Please take a moment to sign the attendance pads, (located at the end of each pew) so that you know who is worshipping near you and you may greet them by name.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE “The King in Triumph” – Ross Anderson Cathy Fafrak, Organist

*LENTEN INTROIT Welsh Folk song, arr. Hugh Davies from Psalm 107

mf (unison) (div.)

Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercies ever sure

from e - ter - ni - ty have stood, to e - ter - ni - ty en - dure.

(unis.) (div.)

Let his ransomed people raise songs of their Redeemer's praise. A - men.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on “Stay” by Lisa Loeb)

Leader: Holy One, we greet you with loud Hosannas!

People: **Save us, Jesus! Save us!**

Leader: And you say

People: **We only hear what we want to.**

We don't listen hard; we don't pay attention to the distance that you're running or to anyone, anywhere.

Leader: We don't understand your mission and what you're about.

People: We greet you with loud Hosannas and palms and will turn our backs on you in less than a week.

Leader: But you say that you'll

People: "Stay."

Leader: It is in your grace and to your steadfast love we worship together in this hour.

*OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851

(Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

ST. THEODULPH

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***CONFESSION**

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus. He refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. Forgive us for expecting you to be something you're not, a conquering hero, a warlord, an Incarnate God who would engage in our petty disputes and our ding-a-ling rivalries. Help us once again to put our faith in Him instead of leaving it on some dusty shelf. Dismiss our pride that would keep us from following him all the way to Calvary.

Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet.

Silence is kept

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim to the sons of sadness:

People: Christ has come! Hosanna!

We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (vs. 1)



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.

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Palms" – J. Faure; arr. by Dudley Buck

Chancel Choir

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

From Psalm 143

George Whelpton (1897)

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in -
cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Ashley Bonsell, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the Lord is good,;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

People: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;

People: the righteous shall enter through it.

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

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

People: O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

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

Leader: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
People: **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**
Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
People: **for God's steadfast love endures forever**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

Ashley Bonsell, Liturgist

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to our Maker, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

SERMON

"Not the Same Old Psalm and Dance: Steadfast"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

We turn from the practice of waving palms to the practice opening the palms of our hands.
We can be a clenched-fisted people, but in this time we open our hands so that our time, talent,
and treasure can pour forth for the building of the kingdom.

Offertory Music

"Largo on All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

***Doxology: 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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

We have vowed to serve you, to minister to one another in Christ's name, and to pass on the
love we have received. Remembering the Palms and the upper room, we set aside this
offering for your holy use and rededicate ourselves to the ministries you have set before us as
your servant people. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each starting with a number (1, 2, 3, 4). The lyrics are: "1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! As", "2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In", "3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The", and "4. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Your". The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment to the melody.

all the crowds ho - san - na cry; through wav - ing branch - es
 low - ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, your tri - umph
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
 last and fierc - est foe de - fy; bow your meek head to

slow - ly ride, O Sav - ior, to be cru - ci - fied.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign.

WORDS: Henry H. Milman, 1827, alt.
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

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***BENEDICTION**

Leader: This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—
 Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession, a community celebrating together.

People: **The same vision is offered to us today:**
We can welcome Christ into our lives;
We can celebrate his transforming power.

Leader: How swiftly things changed back then, how swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

People: **May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—**
Peace in the practice of justice,
Equality in the practice of respect.

Leader: As this week unfolds,

People: **We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love.**
We will pour it back out into the world. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"**

God be with you 'til we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,
 With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

“MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”

*****All
who are able please stand.

Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Bagley-Fazekas, Pete Benson, Ron Greinke

******Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the service***
Today's coffee hour is hosted by **the Community Outreach Group.*****

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

APRIL 14, 2019

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.
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April 14, 2019 thru April 21, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	PALM SUNDAY 8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 9:15 am Choir practice 10:30 am Traditional Worship Palm Sunday Parade 11:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Class 3:00 pm Confirmation Class 3:00 pm JMM @ Brookdale North Hymn Sing
Mon	10:00 am GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE 1:00 pm Breadmakers 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tues	10:30 am Flower Committee Meeting 2:00 pm Bible Study: Book of Luke
Wed	10:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Youth Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Discipleship & Educ. Team
Thu	Garfield Deliveries 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service UCC, Congregational
Fri	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen 7:00 pm Good Friday Service in F.H.
Sat	9:30 am Easter Bag Deliveries 1:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt @ First Christian Church
Sun	EASTER SUNDAY Easter Offering – No F.I.S.H. 7:00 am Sunrise Service @ Spring Grove Chapel 8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Traditional Worship

Worship Highlights 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 & Luke 19:28-40

“Not the Same Old Psalm and Dance: Steadfast”
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Altar Flowers: are donated by Jan Coleman to commemorate the one year dedication of our beautiful Crossroads wall.

HOLY WEEK

April 18th – **Maundy Thursday**

UCC, Congregational – 7:00 pm

April 19th – **GOOD FRIDAY** – OFFICE CLOSURES
@ NOON

April 19th – **Good Friday Service** – 7:00 pm

UCC, Congregational, Fellowship Hall

April 20th – **Easter Egg Hunt**

First Christian Church – 1:00 pm
4797 Sharon-Copley Rd.

April 22nd – **Easter Monday** – OFFICE CLOSED

EASTER SERVICES: April 21, 2019

7:00 am - Sunrise – **Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel**
8:15 am - **UCC Chapel**
9:00 am - **Fellowship Hall**
10:30 am - **Sanctuary**

EASTER OFFERING – APRIL 21st

The Mission Leadership Team thanks you for your continued support of special offerings this year! The **Wolff Fund** was created for Recruitment and Funding for Theological Education. Through this fund, financial assistance is given to members of the Ohio Conference who will be attending UCC seminaries and entering ministry in our denomination. The Fund was established by UCC ordained Minister Rev. Richard Wolff and his wife, Rachael, a church educator. Please give generously on April 21st to this special offering to ensure the education of future UCC ministers.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *April 14 –Bible Class Presentations and Rehearsal 11:30
Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
- *April 17 – Stuff Easter Eggs @ First Christian 5:30
- *April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt at First Christian 1:00
- ***April 21 – NO F.I.S.H. & NO YOUTH GROUP Happy Easter!**
- *April 28 – Bible Sunday
Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal 6:00

EASTER BAGS DUE THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

CHILDREN OF INMATES – Easter Bag Project
Remember the Easter bags you picked up 2 weeks ago?

If you haven't already done so, bring them to church with you on Palm Sunday!

This Sunday – Palm Sunday – we'll add the last and most important gift to the Easter Bag you've decorated and filled with small presents: our congregation will pour its blessings and prayers over these bags, assembled for the children whose parents are in jail. Thank you to everyone who took a child's name, decorated a bag, then filled it with candy, toys or other little gifts. Bags will be picked up and delivered by our drivers between 9:30 and 11:30 am on Saturday, April 20th.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

We need candy to fill our eggs for the Easter egg hunt. If you are willing to donate a bag of candy it would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the welcoming area where you can put your donation. The only requirements are that the **candy must be individually wrapped (no jelly beans), that the candy is able to fit into an egg and NO CHOCOLATE CANDY** that could melt if it gets warm enough the day of the hunt. Thank you for your help.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th

1 pm at First Christian Church

It's almost time for our annual Easter egg hunt at First Christian Church! Come and see the sea of colors as the grounds of First Christian Church are covered with plastic eggs filled with goodies. The egg hunt is for 1 year olds through the fifth grade. We have different egg hunts for different age groups. Bring your own baskets to collect all your eggs. Mark this date on the calendar and join the fun. Please make sure to be there by 1:00 or you will miss it!

TICKET SALES...

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LADIES AND GIRLS TEA

Please plan to **purchase your ticket(s) for the Ladies and Girls Tea** which will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 12-2pm. The luncheon will begin in the Fellowship Hall and will be followed by a Tea Talk. The World of Tea program will be presented by certified Tea Specialist, Sue Swain, of Secret Tea Society. You will learn about the origins of the world's most consumed beverage, tea. It will also be fun to learn the difference between tea categories – white, green, oolong, black, and herbal blends. Join us to enjoy the aroma of tea as it will surely brighten up your lovely April day!

Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for girls under 10 years of age. Sales will be in the East Room after the services. You may also purchase a ticket from the church office. **Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 15th**. Please contact Beth Hari, Becky Weber, or Darlene Bagley-Fazekas if you have questions.

APRIL 14th COFFEE HOUR

The April 14th coffee hour will honor our congregation's ongoing, generous and faithful support of the COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY projects. All are invited to share this recognition of our efforts to help Medina neighbors.



Bicentennial Tidbits

In 1963, Rev. Whitaker's son Roger participate in a Southern "study trip" sponsored by the UCC Ohio Association. He spent several weeks in the homes of Atlanta negroes.

During our recent "unwritten history" session with some of our long time members, we learned that Rev. Whitaker was also active in civil rights marches and served as an officer with the NAACP. One Sunday, the sermon was for everyone to write a letter of support that were then sent to churches in Selma, Alabama. His son, Steve, used a stopwatch to time his father's sermons. Black people were actually going to our church in 1966, but in those days, they used only the present Hobby Horse entrance. What was happening is that the congregation of what became Second Baptist used our building for their own services while their Church was being built.

Some other highlights from 1964 – Betty Zarney was hired as Financial Secretary; we also hired a youth director, and a new committee was formed to study the notion of having an endowment fund or other ways of obtaining unrestricted gifts.

BICENTENNIAL TIDBITS AND NARRATIVE VIDEOS NOW ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

To view some of our History, from the home page, click on the Bicentennial banner, and then select either TidBits or Narratives and view! A big thank you to Kate Lindon for creating the web page!

GOSPEL GALLEY

by Vicki Miller

I'm sure I could engage in a rousing debate with all the coffee, wine and beer drinkers out there – but I don't think there is any beverage in the world that can soothe your body, mind and spirit quite like Tea. **BODY:** You would be hard pressed to find a Tea Master or Herbalist that couldn't prescribe some type of tea for whatever may be ailing you. The health benefits of various types of tea show up frequently in the news and even western medicine seems to have taken some interest. **SPIRIT:** I'm considering "spirit" your emotional well-being. Tea brings people together and provides a sense of connectedness. The Chinese and Japanese have perfected the calming environment friends can share as tea is served in a centuries old ritual. The English have built a culture around High Tea – sharing a relaxing afternoon break with family, friends or co-workers. We are even having a community building "Ladies and Girls Tea" in a few weeks. **MIND:** For this I will turn to a quote by Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Zen Master and global spiritual leader. He is known as the "Father of Mindfulness". "You must be completely awake in the present to enjoy the tea. Only in the awareness of the present, can your hands feel the pleasant warmth of the cup. Only in the present, can you savor the aroma, taste the sweetness, and appreciate the delicacy. If you are ruminating about the past, or worrying about the future, you will completely miss the experience of enjoying the cup of tea. You will look down at the cup, and the tea will be gone." Just as spring is renewing the earth and Easter is renewing our hearts, take a moment and enjoy a healing, restorative, mindful cup of tea.

HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed to operate the video and/or sound consoles. If you would like to help once a month or as a sub, we could use the help. Our video streaming averages 15 to 20 viewers each week. Our video streaming has been viewed in 90 cities, in 18 states and China! But, don't be intimidated, we will offer training and assistance. If you can help with this valuable service, please contact the office or Matt Yates.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be June 10-13. Our theme this year is "To Mars and Beyond" and it will be tons of fun! As always, many hands make light work. We are in need of people to help make sure it is a success. If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please see Stacie Yates or sign up in the Crossroads Hallway.

CIRCLE OF CARING MEMBERS

If you were unable to attend the April 8th meeting, please pick up an updated copy of the Circle of Caring Visitation and Membership list on the information rack by the kitchen. Please call the office (330-725-4559) or Syd Benson (330-725-5540) with any additions or corrections.

ACTION – ACT

"ACTION – ACT In Our Neighborhood" is a new Action group that is forming to help address needs in the Church community as well as our neighboring communities. We need your help. We would like to have a list of volunteers that would be willing to help when a need is identified. We don't know the needs or when they'll arise but when Action is needed we could then call on a large group of church volunteers to assemble a small team to address the task at hand. There is a sign-up sheet on the table near the kitchen. Signing up for this list doesn't commit you to helping; it only commits you to receiving a call/email/text when help is needed.

The deadline for submission of articles for NEXT Sunday's *Messenger* is this Sunday at 11:30 am

Please submit articles to the church office at office@uccmedina.org

*******CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY*******

Luke 19:28-40

Into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday is a Sunday of possibility and expectancy. There's a colt and cloaks on the road, people shouting and a lot of excitement. Jesus is coming! There's a party atmosphere with neighbors that don't like the noise and tell Jesus to keep his followers quiet. But Jesus replies, "Even if everyone was quiet the stones would shout." Can you imagine feeling so much hope and joy at the entrance into your city or town of someone who represents not a political, military or sports victory, but the coming of peace itself?

The day after Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, he went to the temple and turned over the tables of people who were buying and selling and changing money. He drove them out saying, "my house shall be a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers" (Luke 19:46). The economic injustice of the money-changers' profiteering in the temple infuriates Jesus and this is one of the few times we witness his righteous anger.

At that time, following Jesus meant making choices about whose side you were on. Christians still make those kinds of choices. But we followers of Jesus have not done such an excellent job of understanding his message of compassion and love. Instead, for two thousand years, we've often been part of the same kind of brutal power systems as the one in Jerusalem long ago. And all of this time, the God of compassion and love must have wept.

This week, as we stumble toward Jerusalem, we can rely on God's grace to carry us every step of the way and trust the unknown future to the God who works good in every circumstance and in every holy week of our lives.

Work this week for peace and economic justice. Here are some ideas:

- Start a prayer and meditation group in your church with a focus on peace.
- Find ways to use your voice in solidarity with others who may not always be heard.
- If there are ways in which you are serving the master of money in your life, free yourself!
- Put love into action: right some wrongs with an organization seeking economic justice.