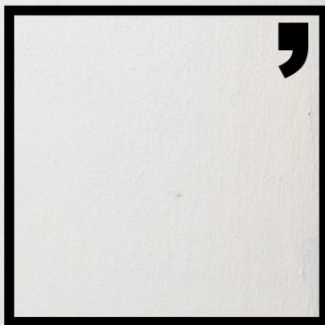


A photograph of a white sign mounted on a metal frame. A large green palm frond is positioned in the upper left corner, partially overlapping the sign. A coiled rope is attached to the frame on the right side. The sign contains the text "WE ARE A GROUP PROJECT" in bold black letters and "Good Enough" in purple cursive script.

**WE ARE A  
GROUP PROJECT**

*Good Enough*



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**April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**10:30 a.m.**

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- During the 10:30 service, the nursery is available for newborns to age 2
- During the 10:30 service, Jesus Vibes Sunday School is available for ages 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade

## “WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”

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.

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

MUSIC FOR GATHERING “Andante on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” – Michael Burkhardt

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

### WELCOME

### SONG

### “Good Enough”

Marsha Moors-Charles & Chuck Bell, © 2021

*Choir sings 1<sup>st</sup> time through, congregation joins in on the repeat*

What in our lives do we dream a - bout for to - mor-row, void of sor-row?\_\_

Time spent re - grett - ing de - ci - sions of our yes - ter - days, mi - stakes we made?

Some - times we get what we get, life dis - ap - points us and yet, \_\_\_\_\_

God is still here and some - how, this faith is good \_\_\_\_\_ e - nough.

## CALLING ON GOD (Based on Psalm 118)

Leader: Let us pray together:

People: **Holy One, God of Goodness, we call out to you at the Gates of Righteousness, sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress—sometimes both at once. We long to be in your house in the presence of beloveds, binding the festal procession with branches. Open us this day to your love in and through the webs of our relationships—and in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

## THE CHILDREN LEAD US

Stacie Yates

### 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.

## \*OPENING HYMN

### "Lord, What a Parade!"

LYONS 10.10.11.11.

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, © 2011*

*Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784*

Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;  
What noise they all made in welcoming you.  
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!  
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"

They welcomed you in, a conquering king,  
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?  
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;  
A creature of peace carried you on your way.

Did those in that crowd expect something more  
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?  
Did they think a savior with armies was best,  
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?

Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,  
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.  
So may we be open and welcome your reign.  
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!

## HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Leader: Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation as we are called into the kind of community Christ had in mind for all. We are invited to the audacity of interdependence so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

# PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD IN MUSIC "Blessed is He" – Dennis & Nan Allen

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 28-40 (N.T. pg. 78)

Pam Branscome, Liturgist

*At the conclusion of the reading the liturgist says, "A Word of God that is still speaking."  
We respond, "Thanks be to God."*

## THOUGHTS ABOUT AN IMPERFECT LIFE AND FAITH

"We are a group project"

Rev. Luke Lindon

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song

"That's Enough for Me"

Barney E. Warren, 1893; Marcia McFee, 2022

WARNER 10.10.10.9.6.6.10.7  
Daniel S. Warner, 1893; Chuck Bell, 2022



1. Though all a-long our dail-y pil-grim race our treas-ures small and ve-ry few may be,  
2. When food and rai-ment are not ev-er sure, and sim-ple fare is hard to get for some,



our souls are blest with God's un - end - ing grace, and that is e - nough, e - nough for me.  
we work to share our goods with one and all, and that is e - nough, e - nough for me.



Oh that's \_\_\_\_\_ e - nough for me, \_\_\_\_\_ God's  
Oh, that's \_\_\_\_\_ e - nough for me, \_\_\_\_\_ God's



truth \_\_\_\_\_ has set me free; \_\_\_\_\_ The love \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ has  
truth \_\_\_\_\_ has set me free; \_\_\_\_\_ A love \_\_\_\_\_ like Christ's is



sanc - ti - fied my soul, And \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is e - nough for \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
meant for ev - 'ry soul, And \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is e - nough for \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Joy and Concerns & Blessing of Easter Bags

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

There are offering plates by the exits if you feel led to deposit your envelope or an offering there. You can also give through our Realm app or text-to-give by texting 73256 and following the prompts.

### Offertory Invitation

Holy Lord Jesus, we know how your time with us ends. We have read how it ends. And we lament with you. We look for you in our stories, for likewise, you might know our future and we do not. Hold us and be with us in giving our time, talent, and treasure as we, your church, try to be your hands and feet. Hear us as we sing your praise, as we rise in body or spirit.

### \*Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>, adapted)

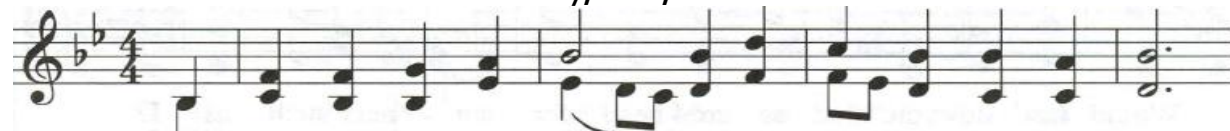
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,  
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow, Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

### \*Prayer after Offering

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings—no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—we offer our gifts and ourselves and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.

### \*CLOSING HYMN

#### "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



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



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



1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

**A BLESSING FOR WHEN YOU FEEL LONELY** (from Good Enough by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: And now, may the God who loves all of creation,

**People: especially the lonely bits,**

Leader: and Jesus,

**People: our companion along this crooked path called life,**

Leader: and the Holy Spirit,

**People: who loves to improvise in surprising ways,**

Leader: go with you, dwell among you, and give you joy.

**People: Amen.**

**\*CHORAL REPRISE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" – setting Michael Burkhardt

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

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**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

As you leave church today, stop by the White Board in the Welcome Area and contribute to this prompt posted for this week of lent:

*Share your ideas and images "when the chips were down" and someone's actions were...*



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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## APRIL 10, 2022

“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.  
MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”

April 10, 2022 thru April 17, 2022

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	9:15 am Choir rehearsal
	9:30 am 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades Bible Class
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	11:30 am Bible Class Bible Project Presentations
	3:00 pm Confirmation Make Up Class
<b>Mon</b>	<b>1:00 pm Bible Encounter</b> <b>7:00 pm Bible Encounter</b>
<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Worship Team meeting
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Evangelism Team 7:00 pm Gathering Band Rehearsal
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship in Sanctuary (Livestreamed)</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON</b> <b>7:00 pm Good Friday Worship in Sanctuary (Livestreamed)</b>
<b>Sat</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY – Easter Offering</b> <i>No Jesus Vibes Sunday School</i> <b>7:00 am Sunrise Service @ Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel</b> <b>8:15 am Chapel Worship</b> <b>9:00 am Gathering Worship</b> 9:15 am Choir rehearsal <b>10:30 am Traditional Worship</b> 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

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

Scriptures: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: “We Are a Group Project”  
Rev. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table:** The flowers on the communion table are given by Diane Stoll in honor of Jack’s special birthday.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 14<sup>th</sup> – **Maundy Thursday** – 7:00 pm  
Sanctuary (Livestreamed)

April 15<sup>th</sup> – **GOOD FRIDAY** – OFFICE CLOSURES  
@ NOON

April 15<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday Service** – 7:00 pm  
Sanctuary (Livestreamed)

April 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 am – Sunrise Service @ **Spring  
Grove Cemetery Chapel**  
8:15 am – **UCC Chapel**  
9:00 am – **Fellowship Hall**  
10:30 am – **Sanctuary (Livestreamed)**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 am – **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Monday** – OFFICE CLOSED

### EASTER OFFERING APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup> to this special offering to ensure the education of future UCC ministers.



## **EASTER BAGS**

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Thank you for supporting the Easter Bag ministry so strongly, everyone! All 40 or so bags were claimed and are being blessed today at the 10:30 service. **If you signed out a bag and haven't returned it, please get it into the church by this Friday.** They are being delivered next Saturday morning, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for making Easter brighter for these kids!

## **EASTER CANDY NEEDED**

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The DELTs will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at church after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday. We are asking for Easter candy donations to stuff the Easter Eggs. Please make sure the candy fits in the little eggs and is individually wrapped. There will be a container in the Welcoming Area to put your donations in. Thank you in advance! The kids appreciate it!

## **EASTER EGG HUNT AT UCC!**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
after the 10:30 service**

We are going to try something new this year. On Easter Sunday, after the 10:30 service, we will have a quick Easter Egg Hunt for the children. The children should bring their Easter Basket or a bag so they can add a few more eggs to their collection. We will have the hunt in the grass by the pergola. Hope to see you then!

## **BIBLE SUNDAY**

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Bible Sunday will be April 24<sup>th</sup>. On this day, 11 very special 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be presented their very own bible. We hope you can join us for their special day and help us celebrate them.

## **ENCOUNTER – BIBLE STUDY**

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Please join us as we read through the Sacred Stories. Mondays at 1pm and 7pm.

**Final dates are: 4/25, 5/2, 5/9 & 5/16**

## **LITURGIST SIGN-UP**

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Check out the bulletin board in the East Room hallway to sign up to be a liturgist during May and June at the 10:30 Sanctuary service.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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VBS will be held June 13<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> and registration will begin on Easter Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of the fun! If you are willing to help and volunteer in any way, please see Stacie Yates.

## **COME JOIN THE CARE TEAM**

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Do you want to know your church members better? Do you like to cook, entertain or plan events that people enjoy? Then join our Care Team. Each year the Care Team hosts many events such as the Ice Cream and Pie social on the Square, the 50+ Luncheon, Chili Cook Off, Coffee Hour and this year we will be serving food for the Great Vintage Race on the Square. Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, after the 10:30 am service. If you would like to know more contact Sue Dean at 330-952-1840 or Darlene Fazekas at 330-241-5840.

## **COFFEE HOUR RESUMES**

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**Sunday, May 1st**

Do you want to get to know other church members? Have great fellowship? Come One, Come All to Coffee Hour! The **Care Team** will be hosting Coffee Hour Sunday, May 1st after the 10:30 am service. May 1st is also Confirmation Sunday, so come celebrate with our confirmands! For the month of May, the Care Team will host each week.

## **ANNUAL REPORT TIME!**

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**Teams, Committees and Leadership** of the church are being asked to write up **their Annual Reports** to be presented at the **May 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting immediately following ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 10:00 am.** The due date for your report will be no later than **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Please email or drop off your reports to me in the church office. Please try to limit your reports to one page for the purpose of space limitations. I appreciate all your efforts in **getting these to me on time.** Please email to: [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)

## SUNFLOWERS OF GRATITUDE

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Today, after church services, the **Care Team** will be distributing sunflower seed packets to thank you for any donation towards Ukraine's aid. Why sunflowers? **The sunflower (or "soniashnyk") is Ukraine's national flower.** Plant your seeds this Spring and once your sunflowers bloom, take a picture and send them to the church. *"Love is grown where seeds are sown."*

## COOK FOR CUPS

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The first Monday of each month the church has been cooking meals for Cups Café. Cups Café is a café just off the square that offers food and hope to those in need. Would you like to provide a meal or help? We need individuals or teams to volunteer for a Monday that can cook one hot meal for 60 people. Please contact Dan Daubner at [DDaubner@zoominternet.net](mailto:DDaubner@zoominternet.net) or (330) 283-2742 if you would like to help.

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**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](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

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April 10, 2022  
Sixth Sunday in Lent; Palm/Passion Sunday

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Luke 19:28-40

### Into Jerusalem

Accompany Jesus on his Holy Week journey. Take time to read the scripture and pray each day of this sacred time.

*Sunday, April 10 Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem during the festival of Passover.*

Read Luke 19:28-40. Jesus asked the disciples to go and find a colt for him to ride. That must have seemed like a strange request, but they did it anyway.

What strange thing is Jesus asking of you? How might you respond?

*Monday, April 11 Jesus enters the temple and clears out the signs of commerce.*

Read Luke 19:45-46. Jesus drove the people who were exploiting the poor out of the temple. Who is being exploited today? How might Jesus respond? How might we?

*Tuesday, April 12 Jesus teaches that "the stone the builder rejected will be the cornerstone."*

Read Luke 19:47-20:19. This passage is imbued with menace, as the political and religious leaders of Jesus' days seek a way to punish him. Why was his message so threatening to those in power in Jesus' day? Why is it so threatening today?

*Wednesday, April 13 Jesus continues to teach those gathered in Jerusalem.*

Read Luke 21. This teaching begins when Jesus observes the difference between the wealthy and the impoverished. What differences do you think Jesus would notice now? What differences do you notice? What stories will grow from noticing these differences?

*Thursday, April 14 The celebration of the Passover is followed by arrest and betrayal.*

Read Luke 22:1-62. You hear these words when we celebrate communion together. Read them now and listen for what is new or challenging in this message. What does communion mean to you? How do you acknowledge or celebrate that meaning?

*Friday, April 15 Good Friday. Jesus is crucified.*

Read Luke 23. Jesus is executed in a state-sanctioned act of violence. Even in his final moments of suffering, Jesus promises forgiveness and eternal life to those crucified near him. What places of suffering need to hear Christ's voice? In your own life? In your region? In the world?

*Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday. Jesus lies in the tomb.*

Scripture says nothing about what Jesus did on this day and there is no scripture reading for this day. In your prayer time, light a single candle, and meditate on the illumination cast by even one small flame. How has God been steadfast, even in times of seeming absence?