



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
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Sunday, April 13, 2025
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Palm Sunday
6th Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118)

Leader: God opens for us the gates where the righteous enter.

People: We will enter and give thanks to the Lord!

Leader: We give thanks that God has answered us;

People: The Lord has become our salvation!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

INVOCATION

*HYMN with Children's Palm Processional

All Glory, Laud and Honor Gray, #204

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! 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 he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

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

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

*HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Gray, #203 vs. 1,2,3

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:28-40

SERMON “Thrill, and Agony, and Glory”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* Gray, #205 vs. 1,2,3

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Louise Forney's family, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, and Joyce Whittemore's family.

For Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter (Air Force), Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for your donations & contributions to Valor for Veterans.
- **Women's Support group** will not have a meeting in April but will help with Chicken BBQ.
- April 15th **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
- **Maundy Thursday** is April 17th. A service remembering & re-enacting the Last Supper will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- April 18th is **Good Friday. St. Matthew's UCC** in Hamburg will have a service at 6:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday is April 20th with service and communion at regular time 10:15 a.m.
- **No Sunday School** on Easter Sunday.
- April 26th is our **Chicken BBQ Dinner** from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or until sold out. Tickets are only \$15.00 and can be purchased from a board member or at church office.
- Pastor Ted is leading a Bible study during Lent on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2492

Offering collection from April 6, 2025: \$2082

Current: \$2017 Benevolent: \$20 One Great Hour: \$45

Attendance on Sunday, April 6, 2025: 50