

*Welcome to
St. Peter's Pikeland
United Church of Christ*

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Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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COMING OF THE LIGHT

Please use this time for silent meditation before worship.

During the service, the people will make the responses

*In the **bold** print.*

GATHERING

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, God with us.

Behold our God, who comes riding on a donkey, the ruler who dares to be last rather than first.

ALL: Praise be to God!

HYMN 216 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

All who are able may stand for the hymn and prayers that follow.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Like the followers of Jesus who cried out hosanna during his great entrance into Jerusalem, then were quiet and absent during his suffering, we too can waver in our faith. Let us confess our sins:

Heavenly God, made manifest in Jesus, we rejoice on this day of loud hosannas, but we also admit our tendency to close the gates and block your way. Our voice is quiet when there could be shouts of praise. Forgive us, O God, in the name of the One who gave his life for all, friend and foe alike. Amen.

A sinner was brought to Jesus with a charge serious enough for being stoned to death. Jesus said to them, “Let anyone who has not sinned throw the first stone.” One by one, the accusers went away. Jesus said to the sinner, “Where are your accusers?” Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.” Friends, trust in God’s promise of forgiveness and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hosanna”
Pete Warner, guitar

Hillsong

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Open our hearts and spirits to your holy Word this day, O God, and help us to share your Good News in word and deed. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Imitating Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bibles, Page 197

A LESSON FROM PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

We will read the psalm responsively,

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:12-19

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Pew Bibles, Page 106

SERMON

Pastor Doug Hanson

HYMN 213

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

After the Hymn, please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Using “debts . . . debtors.”

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Les Rameaux"

Faure

PRESENTATION

*All may stand as the offering is presented
and remain standing for the prayer that follows.*

SONG OF PRAISE 780

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Holy One, this morning we offer you, not only our voices, not only our gifts, but also our very lives. As you bless us in so many ways, may our church be a blessing to all who enter, and out into the world. Amen.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray:

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! Come, Christ Jesus!

HYMN 215 “Ride On, Ride On In Majesty”
Please rise for the hymn and benediction.

BENEDICTION

After the Blessing, all may be seated until the postlude begins.

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Hosanna!”

Dubois



TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE MESSAGE is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR is Kat Bowman

THE LECTOR today is Wayne Freese

THE SOCIAL HOUR today is hosted by the Wookeys

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

FISHERMAN'S BREAKFAST: If you would like to purchase any leftover food/drink from this morning's breakfast, please see Maureen or Fred Wookey.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Join us today after worship for our annual children's Easter Egg hunt!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: If you still want to order Easter flowers, please contact Kathy Krasley today.

SIGN UPS: Please take a look at the Sign Up sheets in Fellowship Hall to see what Sundays you may be able to help out with worship needs. Right now, there is a very special need to fill April. Sign ups are posted through August. Thank you!

You can now give to the church more easily by scanning the QR code here:
All online giving will be designated on your giving statements. Thank you!



Holy Week Schedule

April 17: Holy Week Communion Service 7:30pm

April 20: Easter; 8am Communion service;
10am family service

Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Andrea Lafleur
Angie Schlessm
Ann Kieffer, cousin of Eric Johnson
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths
Barbara Shivers
Bill Cochran, friend of Fred and Maureen Wookey
Carol Meyer
Cole Davenport
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson
Charles and Virginia Garber
Danielle Smith, friend of Sara Hackman
David Richman, friend of Grace Merryman
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner
Diane, friend of Dee McClimon
Dr. Michael J. Ward
Ernie Gross, cousin of Fred Wookey
Gwen Davidson
Heather Murphy, cousin of Steve Krasley
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin
Hugh Lawson
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson
Jason Cox, cousin of Kelly Martini
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson
Jennifer Osborne
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother
John Pandjak
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
Laura Dick
Laura S., friend of Grace Merryman
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson
Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister
Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister
Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law
Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow
Tina Frick, friend of Sarah Hackman
Tracey Knox, cousin of Kathy Krasley



Holy Week

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