

Reformation Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday

A Service of Word and Sacrament

March 24th, 2024

8:30 and 10:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister: Pastor Paul Metzloff
Director of Music: Dr. Heidi Rochlin

	8:30 am	10:30 am
Ushers	Karen Montag and Kathy Miller	Dan Bergey and Alan Blackburn
Reader:	Cindy Shirey	Kayla Karasek
Assisting Minister:	Pam Schneeberger	Lisa Sokoloff
Acolyte:	Jen Weaver	Taylor Bergey
Nursery:	N/A	Teri Stoddard
Altar Guild:	Cindy Shirey and Lisa Phillippi	
Live streaming:	Tom Sahaida, Andy Dobroskey, Jared Preston, Stu Johnston, Richter Bogust	

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

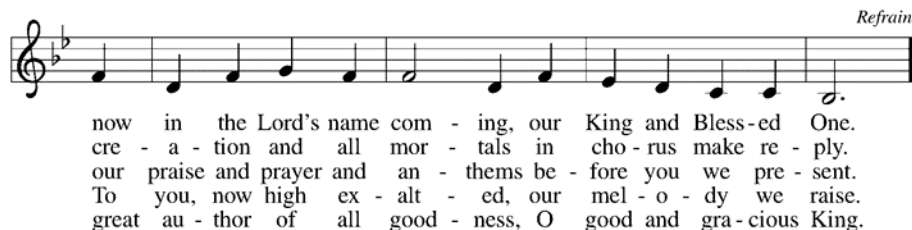
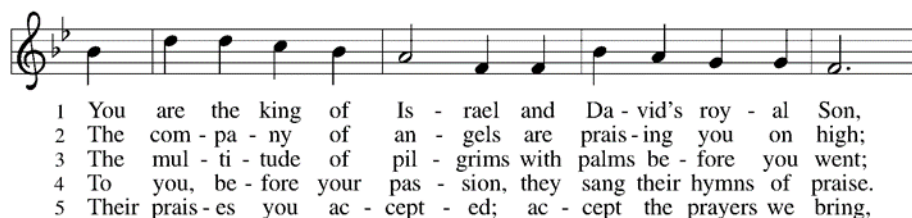
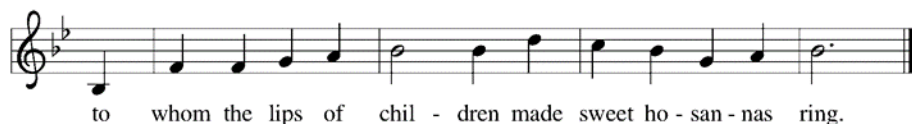
¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 344

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



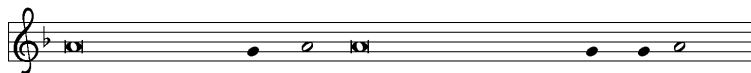
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-b-ove, and for our sal-va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



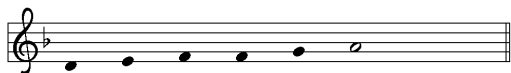
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



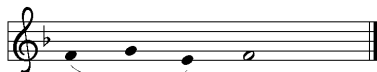
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

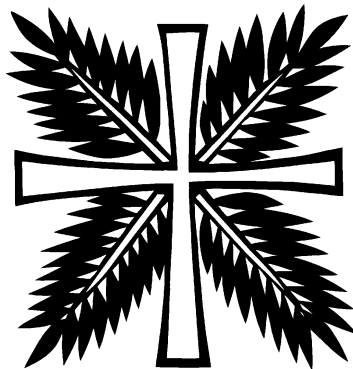
Hosanna! King of all, you reign over all. Reign in our lives, triumph over evil, and teach us to follow your way. Amen!

The assembly is seated.

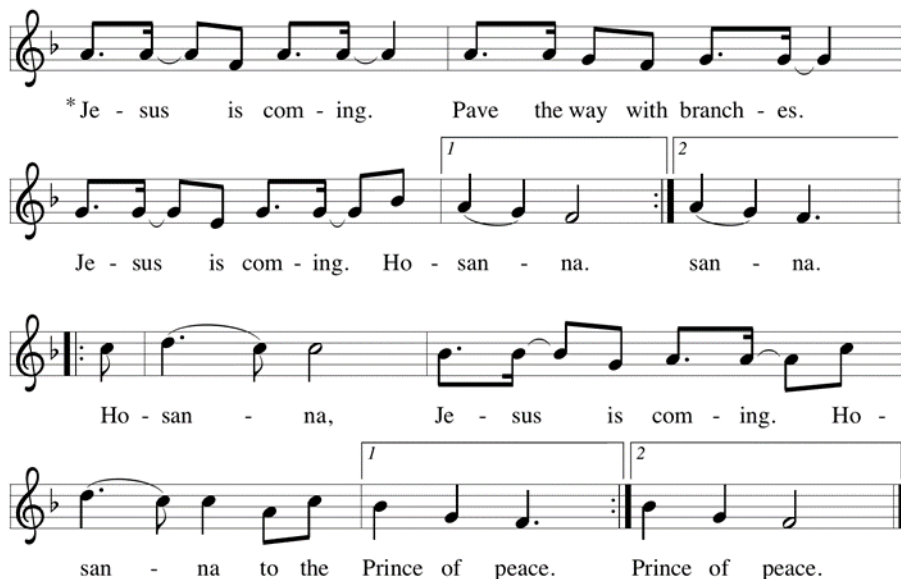
THE LESSON: MARK 14:3-9

³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

SERMON



Pave the Way with Branches



* Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

*Additional verses ad lib.:

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

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Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Asst. Minister: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Asst. Minister: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING & ANTHEM – Ride On, King Jesus (arr. M. Hogan)

The assembly stands.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life, **and the host of this meal.**

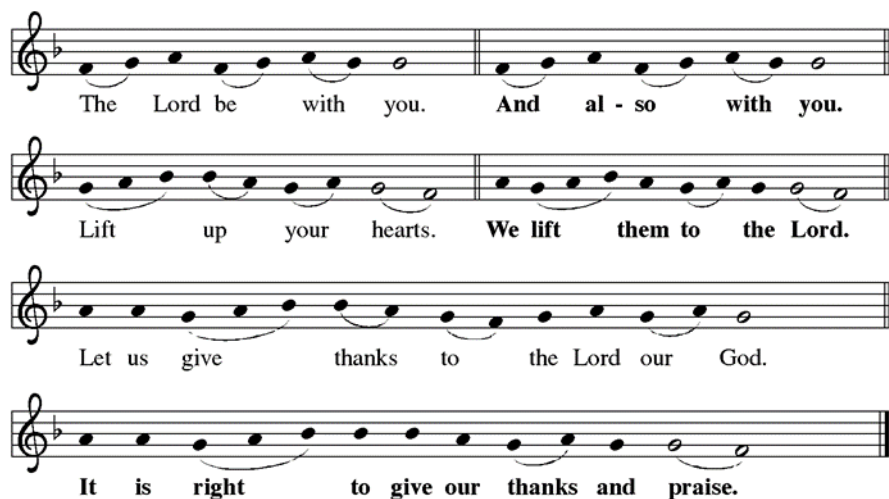
Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



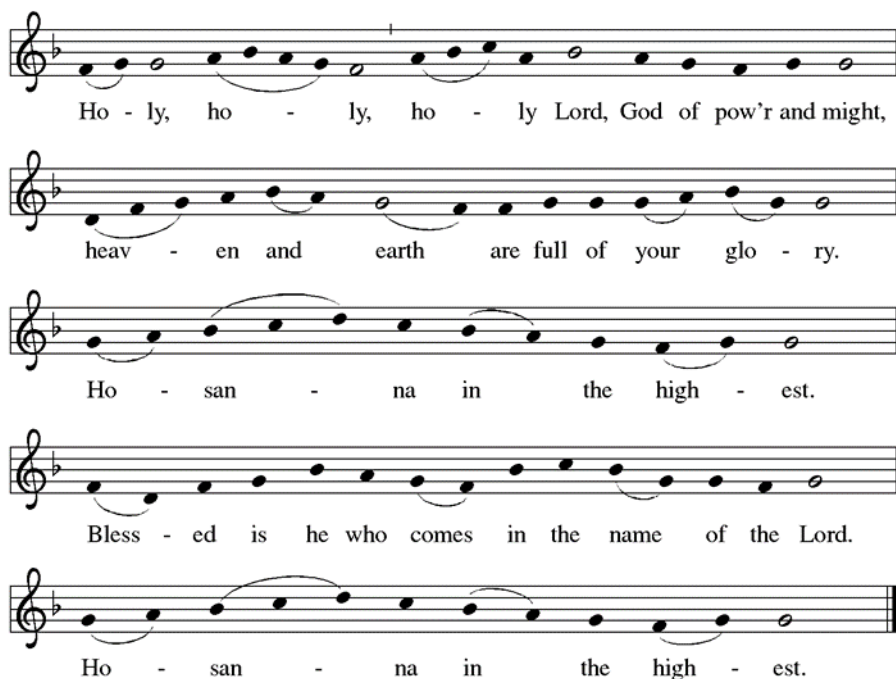
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

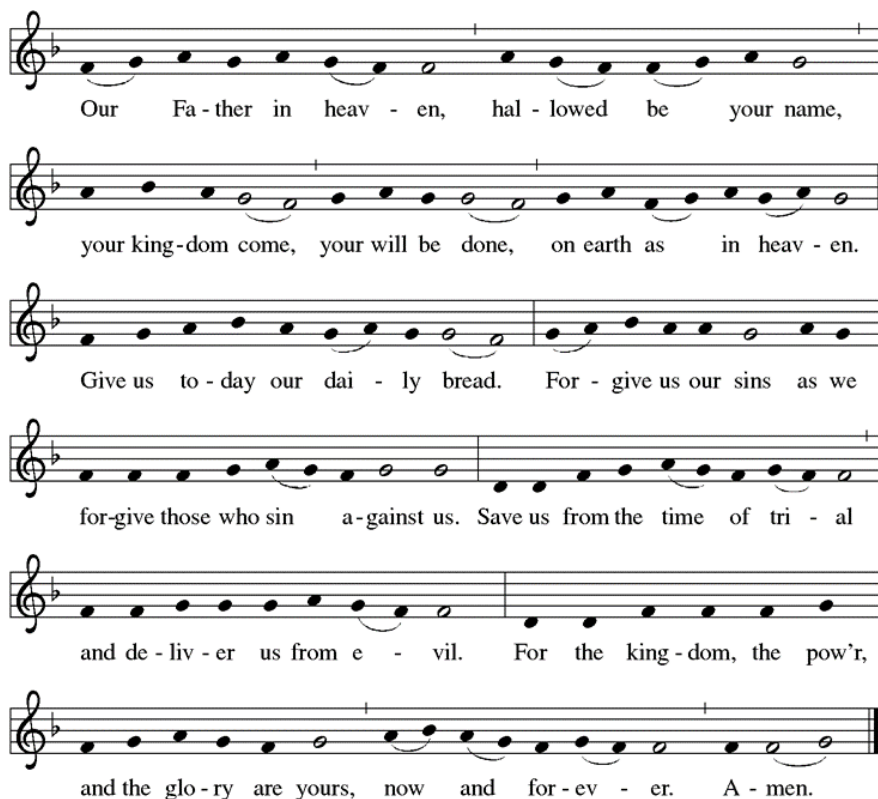
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

INVITATION & COMMUNION

Please note that, so as to be accessible to all, our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free and lactose-free; both wine (served at the rail) and grape juice (in the trays) are available. All are welcome to commune.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus: Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned Him as he died.
The humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be call a lamb of God.

Chorus

COMMUNION HYMN:

ELW 469

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



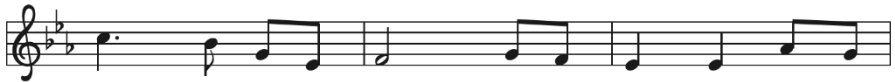
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen!

BENEDICTION

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.
Amen!

SENDING HYMN:

ELW 339

Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER LIST

Changes to the Prayer List this week:

Added – Sandy Bender

Removed – Aiden Cook

Reformation Family: Carol Baer, Ruth Blatt, Millie Castillo, Julie Cherry, Nancy Edinger, Bob Galbraith, Roger Hillibush, Cheryl Manella, LaJune McDonough, Karen Montag, Warren Reinhart, Jr., Linda Sell, Elinor Snyder, Cynthia Smoker-Johnston, Erica Sweigert, Dee Dee Werner, Connie Whalen, and Michael Yerger.

Friends of Reformation: Larry and Kathy Adomshick, Pat Beane, Sandy Bender, Bob Benton, Andy Bishop, Claire Boarder, Michele Boucher, Abigail Buck, Carole Coddington, Barbara Connor, Carl, Luz Cortes, Jim Crowley, Patricia Derr, Wilgus Elliott, Carl Esterly, Susan Flicker, Beth and Stan Gosek, Tim Harner, Gino Hinnershitz, Don Inmon, Peyton Lanza, Batya Leidner, Kathy McCoy, James Morrison, Amy Papilla, Patty, Keith and Peg Ruch, Kim Sharp, Shirley, Linda Smith, Charles Sperling, Herm Spitzer, Jacob Stoner, Steve V., Erika Wesch, and Brenda Williams.

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Ushers:	Austin Family	Chris Karasek and Bob Rutherford
Reader:	Kathy Austin	Don Smith
A/M:	Judy Plica	Elisha Barnett
Acolyte:	Jane Hinkle	Paige Bergey
Nursery:	N/A	TBD

Lilies– Envelopes are available if you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily; the cost is \$15.00. Please mark the envelope “in honor of” or “in memory of” if you would like it noted. Thank you!

College and Military Care Packages - Reformation is mailing Care Packages to students attending college and to those serving in the military. If someone in your family meets this criteria and they would like to receive a Care Package this Spring, please email the information below to Alicia Bergey at smittyfh@hotmail.com. Please title the email "College Care Packages." Deadline for submission is **Sunday, March 31st**. Packages will be mailed after Easter.

Information required: Name, Address, Year of graduation

Experience Holy Week – Join us at 9:30 AM today (Palm Sunday) for an intergenerational event. Play some donkey-themed games, plant a palm tree, fold a palm cross, hear the pastor's children's chat and enjoy refreshments. We'll have take-home, pop-up window calendars for Holy Week as well.

Easter Breakfast - from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. We are also asking for volunteers to serve on the clean-up crew after the breakfast. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the maintenance door in the narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt - Join us Easter morning for our annual Easter Egg hunt! We will meet under the portico at 9:30am. Open to all kids ages 0-12th grade.

Upcoming Youth Activities

- **Sunday, March 24th** (Palm Sunday), 11:30am-1:30pm - Join us after church to stuff Easter Eggs and play laser tag. Pizza lunch will be provided. Open to youth ages K-12th grade.
- **Friday, April 26** @ The Laser Mill, 6:30pm-8:30pm - Join us for laser tag at The Laser Mill in Wyomissing. Open to youth ages 5th - 12th grades. Cost: \$10 per person for two games. RSVP by April 12th. Contact Alicia Bergey at abergey2@gmail.com or text at 610-316-7387.

Clothing Bank News: We are in need of volunteers to help sort and organize clothing on Thursday, April 4th from 9:30-11:30. If you are able to help please contact Karen Hawk at 484-797-7901. Thanks!

We are collecting new and gently used spring clothing for children sizes infant through high school sizes. Any donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule at the back entrance near the choir room. Thank you for your continued support!!

Holy Week Schedule

no midweek (Wednesday) Lenten service

Maundy Thursday service – 7 pm

Good Friday service – 7 pm

Easter service – 8:30 am

Easter breakfast – 9:15 to 10:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt – 9:30 am

Easter service – 10:30 am



***Thank you to all who helped to beautify our sanctuary this
Palm Sunday by sponsoring a potted palm!***

Theresa and Charles Adams – in loving memory of our parents and grandparents

The Barnett Family – in loving memory of Grandma Mary

Ruth Blatt - in loving memory of my wonderful husband, Kerry

Russell and Harriet Clauser – in honor of our 67th wedding anniversary today, March 24th.

Marlane Coldren – in loving memory of David E. Coldren

Timothy Dewalt – in memory of loved ones

Tom and Jane Hinkle – in memory of loved ones

Nancy Kern – in honor of the Kern family, and in loving memory of my husband and son

Brion and Jackie Morrissey – in loving memory of Nancy Morrissey

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Smith, Jr. – in memory of our parents and in honor of our grandchildren

Greg and Teri Stoddard – in memory of loved ones