

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:15 a.m.

(\* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP *All Are Welcome*

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

\*OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
His Name Is Wonderful*

\*OPENING SENTENCES

L: Behold, friends and neighbors, Jesus is coming into Jerusalem. Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

L: Jesus is coming to stare down those who oppress, imprison, and abuse. Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

L: Jesus is coming, but he will be met with suffering, mockery, accusations, and great distress. What shall we call this suffering servant?

P: **Son of Humankind, Son of God. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

L: He will be wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him will be the punishment that makes us whole!

P: **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Come, let us worship.**

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

**God of redemption, we gather in worship because we know that although we face hardships, trials, and suffering, you know our needs. The incarnate Christ lived and died in perilous times, yet he secured victory on the wings of love. We worship because that victory is ours as we partner with you to bring heaven to earth this day and every day. The long week that stretches before us is not the end. In the end, all shall be well. Heighten our senses to your presence today. You are with us. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Blessed Is the King, Hosanna!*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

### GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:12-16

MESSAGE *It's Sunday But Friday's Coming*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN *All Glory Laud and Honor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Mary Fiedler Family, Rusty & Mary Thies, Deb Cooper, Blake Stickle, The Poor Family, Joan Hammitt, Cindy Harzheim, Bonnie, Estrella, Gary Splittstoesser family, Gretchen Kaszynski, Mary Zimmer, Dixie Tonozzi, Kevin B., family of Aubrey's great-grandfather, Linda, Doug Jakse, Karen Cericola & Family, Immigrants, PADS, Turner, Victims of war, Jim's neighbor's daughter, Taylor, Hunter Gerard, Marcus & Cody Wymm, Laura, Jonathon Burgoni, Marilyn Haslam, Gloria, Neil Tipton family, Mary Enstrenchi, Floyd, Caroline, Joe Smith, Kathy Radtke, Sara, Leslie, Cheryl Johnston, Paul Lewis, Clinton Crouch, Carol, Evie, Mary, Quinn & family, Johanna Arkels family, Marsha Dodd, Jeanie, Cathy Rose, Lucille Smith family, Tim Engel family, Ron Narczewski, Jason, Debbie, Jim L., Keisha Smith, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Darrell, Bill Vlastnik, Jean Spayer, Ron Hudkins, Mrs. Lucas.

PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE *All Things Are Yours*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Gracious God, our gifts can never match your abundant generosity, nor your goodness, nor the love you have shown us through Jesus. We bring our offerings to you as a response and acknowledgment of your good provision. Take our gifts and multiply them for the service of your work here among us and in our community. Amen.**

**WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME**

\*HYMN *I Sing The Praise of Love Unbounded*

\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

### **Announcements**

#### **New Prayer Requests**

-Blake Stickle, for health

-Rusty, for health

-Deb Cooper, for health

-The Family of Mary Fiedler

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Mary Fiedler. Mary passed away Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Memorial services will be held at noon Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Zion with Pastor Alex officiating. Visitation will be held 11:00AM until the time of services. A meal in fellowship hall will follow.

\*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today.

**The Renewal Team** will meet tomorrow at 6:00pm.

### **Holy Week Services**

We will have worship service on **Maundy Thursday** at 7:00pm here in the sanctuary or on You Tube.

**Good Friday** Ecumenical service will be at noon in Depue with Pastor Alex preaching.

Please join us for worship on **Easter Sunday** at 10:15AM. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on March 31<sup>st</sup> with in-person worship or on YouTube live.

### **CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship)**

Calling All CREW Members! Get ready for adventure, fun, and faith! Join us every Sunday at 9:00AM if you're in kindergarten through 6th grade. We'll have games, stories, crafts, and more that will help you grow in your faith and friendships! Mark your calendars and don't miss the boat. Bring your energy and excitement as we learn how God is at work in our lives and world. Parents and grandparents - bring your kids and grandkids to CREW this Sunday!

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

Pastors Jon and Sue Graham have started a **Bible study group** at the Spring Valley UCC, from 1:00 pm to (approximately) 2:30 pm. We meet every Thursday through Lent (except for on Maundy Thursday), and will continue beyond, if those participating want to continue. We can also add an evening gathering, if enough interest is shown.

**Easter Lily Order** - \$10.00 per Lily-Please turn in your order today. Order forms are in your bulletin or you may write them on a separate sheet of paper. Please write "In Memory" for a memorial or "In Honor" of someone or a group who is living. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Pastor Alex will be on vacation beginning Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. He will return the following Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Kay Harding will preach on April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be available for emergencies. Her phone number is : (815)993-9220.

**Calendar correction: The next Women's Guild meeting will be Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall.**

**Sunday April 14, 3pm at Zion United Church of Christ**

The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble and the Bloomington-Normal Flute Club are joining forces and performing with music Inspired by Starved Rock and nature. Free will offerings are accepted with gratitude.

**Save the date!** Rev. Kathy Lawes, our UCC Prairie Association Conference Minister, will be visiting us on April 21. Kathy will be bringing the morning message.

If you have given a name for a prayer request, please update the office on how they are doing. If an update is not received within four weeks of a prayer request, we will assume they are doing better and will be removed from the list. You may always request that the person be placed back on the list. Thank you!

**\*\*HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!\*\*** Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the Peru PADS homeless shelter each

month. Please open your hearts and wallets to support this important cause. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note "PADS Meals." Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Together we can make a difference!

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include:\*Bar soap \*Shower gel \*Shampoo \* Razors \*Deodorant \*Toothbrushes \*Toothpaste \*Combs or Brushes

\*Also- they are collecting men's pants. Please bring items to donate to church and place them on the designated table in fellowship hall. Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

**Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group)** meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

**The Compassionate Friends Group** meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

**Weight Watchers** is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

**You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954**

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

Copies of the hymns & large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

Copies of "These Days" Devotions are available in fellowship hall.

**The Zion UCC Messenger has gone to a digital format!** The newsletter is now sent to your inbox monthly or bi-monthly. If you have not received the recent issue of *The Messenger*, please check your spam file or contact Erin at: office@zionperu.org. The Messenger is also available in print in Fellowship Hall and can always be viewed on our website: www.zionperu.org.

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**Attendance:**

Morning Worship March 17<sup>th</sup> -

In person: 37 (10 children)

On YouTube: 8

**This week:**

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Renewal Team meeting

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm Noon Good Friday Ecumenical Service at DePue UCC

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

*Holy Saturday*

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

***Easter Sunday***

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

**Office Hours- \*The secretary is in the office on Fridays**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm