Elm Grove United Methodist Church



April 2, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

Welcome

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

*Processional Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

Special Music

"Hosanna, the People Cried" Chancel Choir (11:00)

by M. Weston

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our LORD, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

"With Crowns of Praise" Chancel Choir (11:00) by J. Martin

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, as we offer our gifts and our very selves to you, receive this offering as the first measure of our gratitude for all that you are and all that you have done for us, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us continue to sing a song of gratitude each and every day of our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

UMH #277

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

Message

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

LORD, when reading the story of your passion and death, it is easy to criticize the actions of people who turned their backs on you, who betrayed you, who mocked you, and who murdered you;

it is harder for us to see ourselves reflected in the worst of human behavior.

Forgive us when we'd rather blame others than take responsibility for ourselves.

Help us see in our own lives: where we have failed to stay close to you in prayer, where we have denied you, where we have betrayed you, where we have stood by silent while others mocked or hated another.

Forgive us, LORD, and have mercy on us.

Save us in your steadfast love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let all of God's people say:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us thank the LORD, who has answered us and has become our salvation.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

UMH #280

*Sending Forth

Pilate washed his hands of him.

Peter denied that he ever knew him.

All the disciples deserted him.

Judas ended his own life after betraying him.

Joseph of Arimathea provided a grave for him.

Mary and the woman stood watch over him.

The centurion proclaimed him to be the Son of God.

The soldiers secured his grave with a stone.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Let us go forth into this Holy Week knowing that no matter who we are, or what we have done, Jesus Christ goes ahead of us to prepare the way. **Amen.**

*Postlude Anita Chops

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

The House of the Carpenter

Toilet Paper Paper Towels

Not ready to attend in-person worship, but still want to help out our mission group? You can mail in monetary donations to the church anytime, just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



FISH FRY

APRIL 7TH
11:00AM - 6:00PM
OR
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

EAT-IN/CARRY-OUT

THINK SPRING!!!

The Stewardship Committee is running the annual plant & flower sale this year.

Vegetable & Herb plants (6-packs)
Succulent Combos (6-packs)
Landscape Flats (36-packs)
Hanging Baskets (12-inch)
Color Bowls (11-inch)

Order forms can be found on the Welcome Desk
Or
You can call the office or see Susi Whitecotton.

Sale ends April 2nd!!!

Plants will arrive between May 18-28th.

Holy Week Worship Services

April 6th - Maundy Thursday Covered-dish dinner & Communion Service, 6:00pm

April 7th - Good Friday, 7:00pm

April 9th - Easter Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00am

Thursday Music Club Chorus Spring Concert

April 13th - 11:00am
Lunch to follow
RSVP <u>required!</u>
Cost: \$20.00
See Anita to RSVP
Deadline is April 9th