



*Smithville United Methodist Church*

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# Celebrating Life through Divine Worship

## Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

10:00 am, April 17, 2011

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*A Time of Centering: Welcome! It was the children on Palm Sunday who cheered the loudest. They loved Him simply, because they knew how much He loved them. If, by chance, your faith has lost its childlike simplicity, we hope that this hour of worship will restore it to you. And we offer our friendship to help in the restoration.*

### PRELUDE

*Worship begins as the music is played*

### \*PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

#### \*RESPONSIVE INVOCATION

LEADER: We gather together

PEOPLE: **Waving palms of joy,**

LEADER: Waving branches of peace.

PEOPLE: **Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.**

LEADER: We gather together,

PEOPLE: **Waving palms of joy,**

LEADER: Waving branches of praise,

PEOPLE: **Longing to know abiding peace in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing to be accepted for who we are instead of being judged for not being or doing enough.**

LEADER: We gather together,

PEOPLE: **Waving palms of joy,**

LEADER: Waving branches of hope,

PEOPLE: **Hoping to walk with Jesus through the night of anguish, the morning of accusations, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.**

LEADER: We gather together,

PEOPLE: **Waving palms of joy,**

LEADER: Waving branches of prayer,

ALL: **Walking toward Easter.**

### WELCOME

### HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 278*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** The streets were crowded.

**PEOPLE:** A parade mood filled the air.

**LEADER:** Yet the shouts were from deep in the heart.

**PEOPLE:** Hosanna. Save us.

**LEADER:** Save us from lukewarm faith.

**PEOPLE:** Hosanna. Save us.

**LEADER:** Save us from lazy habits and weak commitments.

**PEOPLE:** Hosanna. Save us.

**LEADER:** Save us from limited dreams and narrow vision.

**PEOPLE:** Hosanna. Save us.

**LEADER:** Save us from trembling fear and draining resentments.

**PEOPLE:** Hosanna. Save us.

**LEADER:** We cry from the heart, from our soul.

**ALL:** Hosanna. Hosanna. Save us. Save us now. Amen

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Hosanna, Sing a Loud Hosanna!"*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **TIME OF PRAYER**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### **OUR DISCIPLESHIP OF GIVING**

Offering

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* 280

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Matthew 27:11-25

### **SERMON**

*Blessings along the Journey: Perseverance*

### **Unison Prayer**

Hosanna, O God in the highest! You come among us in unexpected ways. Who ever heard of a king on a donkey, a Savior on a cross? How do we know it is you? How shall we recognize your presence? Will we see you when you stand among us? Will we hear your voice, understand

your message? Will we wave the palms in enthusiasm today, but drop our arms in confusion tomorrow? With your help today, we will be strong tomorrow, and with you beside us, we will persevere and be triumphant. Amen.

**\*HYMN FOR GOING FORTH** Verse 1-3 " Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" 160

## **TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

### **BENEDICTION**

May God grant you grace to follow in faith where Christ has led the way that you may live each day with courage and perseverance as you walk in His light. Amen

### **POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand if you are able when indicated by an asterisk**

*Please pray for:* Sandy Littrell family, Lou Petersen, Carol White, Barb Kravec, Marilyn Phopheter, Marie Allard and for all the people that are having medical or surgical worries.

The memorial book is opened in loving memory of Marin Aker Scott  
Altar flowers in honor of Rachel Hunold's birthday by Lee & Cindy Hunold

## **USHERS THIS WEEK**

Ushers for today, April 10th are: Mike and Amy Tjelle, David Cline and Tommy Mast.

### **PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Small Steps Preschool still has grocery coupon books for sale. There are 7 Big V Country Mart books. Please see Ron Mast or Roberta Sanderson if you wish to purchase one. The money will go towards new playground equipment.



## **"JOURNEY BLESSINGS"**

**Wednesday, 5:45 to 7:00 pm**

**April 20th - Perseverance**

**Come enjoy a meal, fellowship and study**

**Soup providers will be:  
April 20th - UMM**



## **EASTER FLOWERS**

There is a sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies on the "Opportunities to Serve" bulletin board. Sign-up soon because there have only been 12 lilies ordered. The cost is \$10.00. Please make your check out to SUMC, put Easter flowers in the memo and either put your check in the collection or in the office the day you sign-up. Please remember to put who the flowers are in honor of or in memory of.



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Service - 7:00 pm

Cantata - performed by the SUMC choir

*"Shadows of Sacrifice"*

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# SUNRISE

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**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sunrise Service - 7:00 am  
Led by the Drama Group

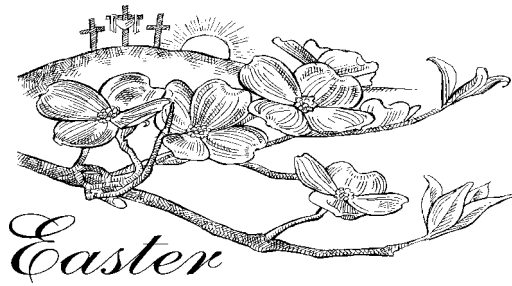


## **EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

The United Methodist Men will be serving a continental breakfast on Easter morning at 8:30 am. They would like to know how many of you will be attending. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the great room for you to sign if you are planning on attending.



**Sunday, April 24th**  
**9:00 am - during Sunday School**



**Easter Service - 10:00 am**



## **ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES**

SUMC will be honoring all of the graduates from our church on Graduation Sunday, May 15th at the 10 am service. Please contact the office and let us know who you are and where you are graduating from (high school, college, trade school, etc.)



SUMC has two Sunday school classes in need of a teacher Curriculum is provided. Average time commitment every week is two hours, one hour to prepare and one hour to teach. Need is immediate Classes will cease for the summer May 22nd. Please contact Ramona Emery if you can help.



# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK



## Sunday, April 17

	Palm Sunday
11:30 am	Breakfast Fundraiser
3:30 pm	Boy Scouts
4:00 pm	Finance Council
4:00 pm	Ad Council
4:00 pm	Youth Council
5:30 pm	Youth Group

## Tuesday, April 19

9:00 am	Coffee w/"Walt & Wayne"
9:00 am	Study Group
3:30 pm	Den #8
6:30 pm	Brownies #32

## Wednesday, April 20

10:00 am	Art Class
5:45 pm	Lenten Bible Study
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

## Thursday, April 21

9:00 am	Crochet/Knit
7:00 pm	Cantata
7:00 pm	Den #10 & 13

## Friday, April 22

	No Preschool
1:00 pm	Quilting

## Sunday, April 23

	Easter
7:00 am	Sunrise Service
8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am	Easter Service
3:30 pm	Boy Scouts

**General Fund -\$2,410.00**  
**Debt Reduction - \$445.00**  
**Attendance -104**

## EMAIL ADDRESSES, HOME ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

If you have an email address or a change of email address, change of home address or phone number change and the office does not have it will you please leave it in the office. We will be doing a lot more communication by email. Thanks for your cooperation.



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**Nursery: Bonnie Holland**  
**Custodian: Leo Gaffey**  
**Preschool Teachers: Jessica Johnson,**  
**Kim Frick & Amy Simoncic**  
**Altar Flowers: Lu Darr**

