

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.

- Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
- Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
- All worshipers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER AND PRELUDE “THE PALMS”ARR. BY WHITWORTH

SUNG RESPONSE #3096 (W&S) “GENTLE SHEPHERD”

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Come! From the city streets,

People: join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Leader: Come! From your busy homes and places of business,

People: put down your work in joyful celebration!

Leader: Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries,

People: turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

Leader: Let all join in joyful song!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**HYMN #3082 (W&S) “WHO IS HE”

PRAYER (in unison)

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 in the way that leads to eternal life. In His Name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME –

THE PARABLE OF THE LILY

WRITTEN BY LIZ CURTIS HIGGS

ILLUSTRATED BY NANCY MUNGER

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 21:1-11 (page 23)

**RESPONSE #599 (UMH) “BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE” (stanza 1)

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS) “CARES CHORUS”

**I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY”GERIG

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE “LENTEN DOXOLOGY”

**Praise God throughout these forty days,
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

Hope in the Shadows

Composed and Arranged by
Joel Raney & Lloyd Larson

“Hope in the Shadows”
In Christ Alone

“The Shadow of Betrayal”
We will Remember You

“The Shadow of Agony”
Gethsemane Hymn

“The Shadow of Temptation”
Before the Throne of God Above

“The Shadow of Injustice”
A Purple Robe, a Crown of Thorn

“The Shadow of Humiliation”
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

“The Shadow of Death”
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

“The Shadow of the Cross”
The Power of the Cross

“Hope in the Shadows”
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

CLOSING PRAYER

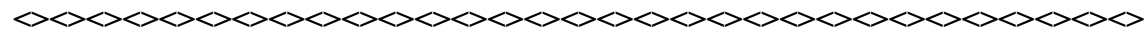
**HYMN #530 (UMH) “ARE YE ABLE?”

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.**

POSTLUDE “THE HOLY CITY” ADAMS



**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS! We welcome all to worship at Elkton UMC this morning, and extend a special welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please fill out the blue visitor card located in the pew racks. We also have a gift for all first-time visitors to our church. It is available from the welcome center or from the ushers in the foyer. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive the gift, just speak to one of the ushers as you're leaving the worship service this morning, and they will see that you receive one! Once again, welcome to worship at Elkton UMC!

THE SEASON OF LENT – The season of Lent is the forty-day period (not including Sundays), from Ash Wednesday to Easter. During Lent, we are called to a time of contemplation, penitence and confession, a time to intentionally grow deeper in our faith, and a time to ponder what Jesus did for us and our salvation. Because of the solemnity of the season, you will notice changes in our worship service – the choir will not process during the opening hymn, we will refrain from applause, and we will sing no alleluias until we raise the glorious Alleluias! of Easter morn.

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY! All families are invited to take part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon which takes place today after the 11:00 service. Come and enjoy, even if you didn't sign-up ahead of time!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – We're currently collecting goodies for the final College Care Package of the school year. If you can help, place your donations of granola bars, chips, cookies, etc. in the collection box in the Welcome Center area.

BRAIN TUMOR WALK – Our church is forming a team to walk in the Brain Tumor Walk on the Wilmington Riverfront on Saturday, April 22nd. If you'd like to be a part of the team, sign up today downstairs in the Hospitality Area. If you can't walk on the team, you can still help out with your financial support, so stop by the table to do that, as well.

BLOOD DRIVE – Our next Blood Drive to support the Blood Bank of Delmarva will be on Sunday, April 23rd in Weldin Hall. Sign up today to be a donor, at the Missions table downstairs in the Hospitality Area.

UMCOR OFFERING – As of this week, our church has given over \$8100 to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) through the UMCOR Sunday offering. If you didn't have a chance to contribute, it's not too late. Simply make your check out to Elkton UMC, write UMCOR on the memo line, and put it in the offering. Your gifts will greatly help those whose lives are impacted by disasters.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017 – PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services
8:30 AM-12:00 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)
9:30 AM-12:30 PM..... Blood Pressure Screenings (Parish Nurse Office)
9:15 AM..... Children's Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
9:45 AM..... Sunday School (All Ages)
12:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt/Luncheon (Weldin Hall)

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

9:00 AM-5:00 PM..... AARP Tax Service (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 27)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

10:30 AM..... Tele-Care Committee Meeting (Room 1)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Room 1)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

May Newsletter Deadline

6:00 PM Soup and Bread Dinner (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 – GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM Ecumenical Crosswalk (begins at Wrights AME)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Reader: 8:30 – Andee McKenica 11:00 – Liz Hook
Children's Time Reader: 8:30 – Jane Kovicak 11:00 – Krista Gilmore
Acolytes: 8:30 – Nathan Kovicak 11:00 – Julianna Swyka
Greeters: 8:30 – Ellen and Rich Gruebel 11:00 – Betty McCarthy and Allene Rittenhouse

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Marsha Perrine 12:00-12:20 – Kelly Eddinger

Hostesses: 8:30 – Andee McKenica and Judy Tanner 11:00 – Bettie Murray and Kristen Czarnecki

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Deb & Ted McDowell 11:00 – Carol Robinson

Nursery: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Evelyn Jones

Tech Team: 8:30 – Jamie Laning and Paige Laning 11:00 – Roger Robinson and Madelyn Eddinger

Parking Lot

Knights: Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Bob Gilmore, Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.

Ushers: 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Dick Gochnauer, Deb McDowell, Ted McDowell, David Sentman and Richard VanSchaick.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Charles Allport, Stanley Cebula, Bill Ferringer, Heidi Gaultney and Larry Gaultney.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of Tenley Rebecca Armour, for her baptism and first birthday, given by her parents Paige and JB Armour.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in memory of Virginia Marcus for her 99th birthday given by Judy and Joe Tanner and family.

AVAILABLE ALL MORNING – Nursery care is available during this morning's worship services. The nursery is located in Rooms 22-24 and is staffed by Yolanda Gomez, a professional childcare worker, assisted by volunteers from our congregation. One of our ushers can guide you there. New children are welcome! Also, please know that it is perfectly fine to leave the worship service with your child if they become restless or unhappy. Your child will be happier and those seated around you will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

PRAYER CONCERNS*

“Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit.
Stay alert and keep praying for God’s people.” Ephesians 6:18 CEV

Our Missionaries

Rev. Dan Griffiths, Red Bird, KY

Our Pastors

Rev. Peggy Johnson, Bishop

Rev. Joe Archie, DS

Rev. Karen Bunnell

Rev. Ray Graham

Our Nation

President Trump, & All Leaders

Those serving in the military:

Aaron Baunchalk

Joe DeHaven

Faith Gerres (Judy Tanner’s niece)

Justin Hampton (Ina Andrews’
nephew)

Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh’s)

Elizabeth Juergens

Eric Luppold

Garrett Mann

Joe Moore

Brandon Pearson

Hannah Juergens Pearson

Reggie Powers

Robert Rakes

Anderson Rowan

Jeremy Sanders

Zachary Schmook

Ethan Senn

Zachary Senn

Kyle Senn

Jeff Smith

Samantha Stapp (Nancy Leathrum’s
cousin)

William Henry Wright, Jr.

Matthew Yarrington (Wanda
Jackson’s son-in-law)

Members and Friends

Duane Arentzen (3/26)

Jenny Asbury (3/26)

Anna Baird (4/9) (Millie Jones’
sister)

Jack Bailey (3/19)

Virginia Barnes (3/26)

Blonnie Brooks (4/9)

Peg Bunnell (3/26)

Beth Camarra (4/9) (Gail Garber’s
niece)

Dottie Cochran (3/26)

Luke Creamer (4/2) (Biles’ great-
grandson)

Virginia Davis (4/9) (Grace
Achuff’s mother)

Nelson Ditzler (4/9)

Ruth Dvorak (4/9)

Akiko Johnson (4/9)

Sarah Juergens (4/9)

Sandra Lewis (4/9)

Arlene Lort (4/2)

Betty Loveall (3/26) (Nancy
Leathrum’s sister)

Jane MacDonald (4/9)

Stella Maczynski (4/2)

Karl Marking (3/26)

Sheila Miller (3/19) (Donna Perkins’
sister)

Dawn Oakes (3/26)

Carrie Olewine (3/26)

Sharon Polite (3/26)

Butch Russell (3/26)

Lou Salerno (3/26)

Carole Seifred (4/9)

Kim & Josh Smith (3/26)

Lori Suarez (3/26)

Helen Taylor (3/26) (Dianne
Thompson’s mother)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (3/19)

Carmella Wahzer (4/2)

Mary Walmsley (4/9)

Owen Wevadou (4/9)

Amy Whitney (4/9)

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jeff Wilkinson

Elkton Care and Rehab

Mickie McCormick

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

Sympathy

To Charlie Biggs on the death of
his wife

If you know that a church member is hospitalized or sick, so as to need
a pastor’s attention, please let the Church Office know.

**Names are listed for 4 weeks. After that, if you wish a name to remain,
please submit a white prayer card indicating that.**