

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 25, 2018

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, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

AND PRELUDE “ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”..... SETTING BY KAUFMAN

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”

**GOSPEL LESSON, MARK 11:1-11 (page 47)

**RESPONSE #278 (UMH)..... “HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA” (stanza 3)

**“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30) – STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST
(11:00) – “I FOUND LOVE” CHILDREN’S CHOIR

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 – (8:30) – “JESUS PRICELESS TREASURE” WALTHER
(11:00) – STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #95 (UMH)..... .. “DOXOLOGY”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Cantata by Lloyd Larson

God with Us

Monologue: John

Lord of the Wind and Sea

Monologue: Peter

You are the Christ, the Son of God!

Monologue: Mary

He is the King of Glory!

Monologue: Pontius Pilate

Man of Sorrows

Monologue: Joseph of Arimathea

Truly, This was God's Son

**CLOSING PRAYER

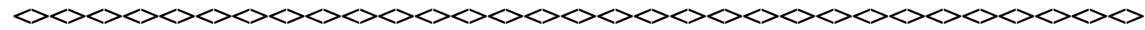
**HYMN #297 (UMH) "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

**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 "HARK! THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING" HOFLAND

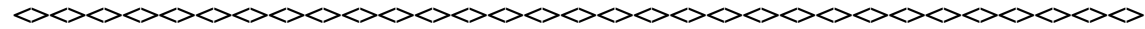


**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

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)



STAFF OF ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Peggy Johnson, Bishop
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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 during the Sundays ahead. Some of the sung responses have changed (prayer response, Gospel response); 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.

VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERMON – A video of today's service will be posted on the church website, elktonumc.org, by this evening. To watch the video, go the website, click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see (on the far right side) a link to the YouTube site for the video.

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY! All children and their families are invited to join in the fun of the annual Easter Egg Hunt which takes place today (along with a potluck lunch) at noon in Weldin Hall! Come even if you didn't sign up ahead of time!

UMCOR OFFERING – As of Friday, you have given just under \$11,000 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief through the UMCOR Sunday offering. Thank you so much for your generosity which enables UMCOR to fund its administrative costs. If you didn't have a chance to give, it's not too late! Simply make your check out to Elkton UMC, write UMCOR on the memo line and place it in the offering plate.

WIRED WORD DISCUSSION GROUP – Evangelist Billy Graham 'Changes His Address' – Billy Graham "changed his address" February 21, leaving his earthly home in Montreat, North Carolina, for his new home in glory. He was 99. He is survived by five children and an estimated 2.2 million spiritual children who made decisions to follow Christ through his ministry. Come and share the rich legacy of his life and learn Five Things Anyone Can Do to Introduce Others to Jesus. We will meet on Thursday, April 5th at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? If you are, then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class which will be held on Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. If you'd like to attend, email eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

PROM BOUTIQUE – Spread the word that our Prom Boutique is now open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. The dresses are practically brand new and some accessories are available as well – and it's all free!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018 – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services
8:30 AM-12:00 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten
9:15 AM..... Children's Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
9:45 AM..... Sunday School (all ages)
12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch
6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

9:00 AM..... AARP Tax Help (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Room 1/Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

7:00 PM Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

11:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)
5:00 PM Thiokol-Elkton Credit Union Dinner (rescheduled)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:30 PM Weight Watchers Meeting (Weldin Hall)
5:30 PM Soup and Bread Dinner (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018 – GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM Ecumenical Good Friday Service (EUMC Sanctuary)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Kim Artrip

Cantata Narrator: Dick Gochnauer

Readers: Bobby Heath; Bill Graham, Kim Artrip, Brian Ingram;
Mike Schmook

Acolytes: 8:30 – Kyle Slayman 11:00 – Sienna Graham

Greeters: 8:30 – Patty Corder and 11:00 – Nancy Stubbs and
Wendy Eller Alice Holland

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Gail Garber 12:00-12:20 – Robyn Graham

Hospitality: 8:30 – Karen Gravatt and 11:00 – The Eddinger Family
Katie Sparks

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Rich Jones 11:00 – Helen Hanel

Nursery: 8:30 – Kyle Slayman 11:00 – TBD

Tech Team: 8:30 – Rob Kovicak and 11:00 – Roger Robinson and
Kristina Keithley Jeremy Hamilton

Parking Lot

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

Ushers: 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Jim Dech, Tim
McCardell, Bill Moffitt, Robert Parrack and Wayne Scholz.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Harry Barnes, Bill
Carroll, Ed Hendricks, Rich Jones and Paul Schneider.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of the EUMC Dorcas and Ruth-Sarah Circles given
by Lea and Dick Gochnauer.

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. Phil Godbey, 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

Shea Gerding (Frye’s grandson)

Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh's)

Elizabeth Juergens

Eric Luppold

Garrett Mann

Joe Moore

Brandon Pearson

Hannah Juergens Pearson

Robert Rakes

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)

Jacob Zervas

Members and Friends

Cindy Abrams (3/4) (McDowell’s
niece)

Ben Allen (2/25) (Nadine’s brother)

Duane Arentzen (2/25)

Gifford Biles (3/4)

Peg Bunnell (2/25)

Beth Camarra (3/4)

Frank Cebula (3/4)

John Clark (2/25)

Dottie Cochran (3/4)

DACA and TPS People (3/4)

Henry Jacobs (3/25)

Mark Krauss (3/4)

Amy McCarthy (3/25)

Ken McCoy (2/25)

Jackie McGuirk (3/4)

Cheryl McKeown (3/11)

Ed McKeown (3/25)

Mary Beth Mendenhall (2/25)

Linda Moon (3/11) (Stacie Forman’s
mother)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (2/25)

Bill Pinder (3/4)

Dave Pugh (3/25)

Mary Jane Rambo (2/4/)

Jen Redmond (2/11) (Gruebel’s
neighbor)

Gabi Sasse (2/11) (Betty McCarthy’s
granddaughter)

Bob Shumate (3/4) (Ina’s brother-in-
law)

Ed Sprague (2/11)

Pat Stepler (2/25)

Cheri Stout (3/18) (Donna Perkins’
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (3/4)

Fran & Bill Vassalotti (3/11)

Owen Wevadou (3/4)

Tom Williams (2/25)

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jim Melvin

Elkton Transition

Lillian Armstrong

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

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.**