



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

PRELUDE

I Will Enter the Gates

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sun, April 13</u>	Worship 8am & 10:30am
Palm Sunday	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
	Handbells 11:45a
	Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Mon, April 14</u>	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Tues, April 15</u>	Private Group 9:30a-12p/White Rm 102
	Bible Study 5pm/Wesley Hall
	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Wed, April 16</u>	Trustees Mtg 6:30-7:30p/Wesley Hall
	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Thurs, April 17</u>	Holy Thursday Worship 6:30pm
Holy Thursday	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Fri, April 18</u>	Good Friday Worship 6:30pm
Good Friday	AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sat, April 19</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sun, April 20</u>	Worship 8am & 10:30am
Easter Sunday	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-It's Holy Week! Join us for our Holy Thursday and Good Friday Worship Services! The services will be this Thursday, April 17, and this Friday, April 18, at 6:30pm.

-Following Easter Sunday, the church office will be closed Monday, April 21.

-There are still some butter braids in the freezer, please pick these up asap!

-Easter lilies have been ordered for our sanctuary. As per tradition, you may make an offering toward the flowers of any amount in honor of a loved one. Flower envelopes are available at the usher's stand. **Please print clearly the name and "in honor of" or "in memory of." Mark your envelope "flowers."** The names of those honored will be in our bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please turn in your names and envelopes *today*. Flowers will be available to take home following the 2nd Easter service.

-The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for all the donations to A Safe Place. You are a loving and generous church family. Those in need of these items are very grateful. A big shout out to Irv and Pat Metz for helping deliver these items!

-The April Missions project is Fairchild Hall Veterans Housing and Recovery Program. We will be preparing and delivering a meal on April 28th at 11:30am for 20+ veterans. We will also be delivering any donations collected. Donation wish lists are in Wesley Hall. Frozen food donations should be brought to the church on April 27th only.

-Golden Gems Luncheons dates are determined! Luncheons will be on May 8th, July 31st, October 2nd, and (tentatively) December 3rd or 4th. We will confirm the December luncheon date as it gets closer. Please note these dates on your calendar for planning purposes. Invitations will be sent out about one month prior to each luncheon.



MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith; to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

**Invites you to stand as you are able or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

P: Open the gates of love, that we may worship God!

L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey is the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

P: Open the gates of peace, that we may worship God!

L: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

P: Open the gates of truth, that we may worship God!

L: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

P: Open the gates of salvation, that we may worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

(Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.)

***HYMN Green Hymnal #3082**

Who Is He

Who is he who comes in triumph?

Who is he who comes to die,
comes in peace and comes in power,
hidden One now lifted high?

Jesus, Jesus, Lord, Messiah,
mighty Master of the grave!

See him ride, the King of glory!

God himself has come to save!

See him there in humble splendor.
Hear them shouting all around.
Joy explodes in wild procession.
Praise is now the victor's crown.
"Glory, glory in the highest!"
Like the angels hear them sing,
dancing 'round the Long-awaited –
once their hope, and now their King.

Rise and join the glad procession!
Hear them passing by again –
all the ransomed, all his children,
marching to Jerusalem!
Look ahead – the gates of splendor!
Hear the everlasting hymn!
Open wide your hearts in worship!
Let the King of glory in!

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. We know what comes next: hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is truly at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

(Adapted from Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/03/opening-prayer-palm-sunday.html>.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Lord, we come to you aware that Lent is probably our most challenging season. We look at all the hardest parts directly and we can't turn away. Be with us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we might know that even in the hardest parts there is love and grace, mercy and hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Living

Rev. Katie Voigt

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30am Service) UMCA Choir

A King Came Riding By

Accompanied by: Elisa Gueffier & Leslie Szaua,
handbells

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

OFFERTORY

O Worship the King

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #280**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: Jesus lives every moment of his life to the fullest, even the moments that seem so difficult to us.

P: **We will follow in Jesus' footsteps and live our lives to the fullest as well.**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: **And also with you. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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Thank you, Elisa Gueffier & Leslie Szaua, for sharing your musical talents with us today.

**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
April 6, 2025**

8am- 34	10:30am- 57
General Fund: \$4,387	Missions: \$67.04
Building: \$260	Easter: \$40
Boiler: \$25	Flowers: \$115
Youth Mission Trip: \$100	UVC: \$1
UMCOR: \$550	

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**April 17
(Holy Thursday)**

**April 18
(Good Friday)**

Greeters

6:30pm	Leta Sathoff	Jane Buck
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Ushers

6:30pm	Tom Kessell	Jerry Topcik
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Soundboard

6:30pm	Phil Georgia	Chris Shannon
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Communion

Stewards

6:30pm	Robin Kessell & Carol Dunn	-----
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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

April 13

**April 20
(Easter)**

Greeters

8:00am	Anne Dickson	LouAnn Holmes
10:30am	Joanne Rae	Susan Antonelli

Ushers

8:00am	Dawn Vogel	Irv Metz
10:30am	Tom Kessell	Valerie Lapke

Soundboard

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Walt Cichonski
10:30am	Mike Lapke	Phil Georgia

Liturgists

8:00am	Richard Schlake	Jane Buck
10:30am	Keegan Stack	Carol Dunn

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Pat Metz	Barb Cantrell
	Jane Buck	Marty Garrett
10:30am	Margaret Zaller	Nikki & Phil
	Cheryl Collins	Georgia
	Sathoff Family	Mike DeBenedetto

Prayer Card

8:00am	Nancy Colby	Shelby Wais
10:30am	Ardy Lange	(Needed)

Communion

Stewards

8:00am	-----	Carol & Walt Cichonski
10:30am		Carol Dunn Jennifer Klingler

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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to editorumca@gmail.com

Next deadline is April 15th for the May newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.