

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“PALM SUNDAY”

April 2nd, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Purple

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*“When he rode through the gate entering the Village of Peace (Jerusalem)
the whole village was in an uproar!
Who is this?”*

- Matthew 21:10 (First Nations Version)

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing on the Promises

music by R. Kelso Carter; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O people of the Back Mountain!

Shout in triumph, O people of Dallas!

Look, your king is coming to you.

He is righteous and victorious,

yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—

even on a donkey's colt.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

You are our God, and we will praise You!

You are our God, and we will exalt You!

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

His faithful love endures forever!

* *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess that we are not so different
from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday
yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.**

**We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus
by our sins both secret and known.**

**Yet you died for people like us,
and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.**

**Jesus Christ, our King of glory,
we have not been outspoken for you.**

**We have not called for your death,
but neither have we shouted of your greatness,
nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us.**

**Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you
that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King.**

* WORDS OF AFFIRMATION AND PARDON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

(from the ritual of the former Methodist Church)

**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.**

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Matthew 21:1-11

(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"WHO IS THIS AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE MISSED HIM?"**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of hosannas be with you.
May the God of this holy week be with you.
Lift your broken hearts to our God,
who will fill them with hope in these days.
Remember to sing laments during this holy time,
we do so, that we may know the reason for glad songs of joy.

Morning by morning,
creation's voices join in praising you, God of every goodness.
The forests form a festal procession, the heavens reflect your glory's light.
Though we were formed by you,
we looked around at everything sin and death had to offer,
and followed them through the world, thinking they could protect us.
You gave prophets the tongues of teachers,
to comfort our weariness and teach us the way back to you,
but we turned our back on them.
When judgment did not lead to redemption,
you sent Jesus to reach out in love, to bring us home to you.

So with those who spread cloaks before you,
and those who are sustained by your love, we join our voices, singing,

**Holy, holy, holy, God of enduring love.
From every part of creation come glad songs.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in humility and hope.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, Sustainer of the weary,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Love become human.
He emptied himself of glory, to be filled with our broken hopes and hearts.
He chose the path of suffering love,

so that we could run through the streets of the kingdom waving branches of joy.

He walked the sin-cold stones into the tomb which could not hold him,

so we could join our voices together,

'Hosanna! Hosanna! He is risen!'

As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond,

as we struggle with death, loss, and grief we would ponder that mystery we call faith:

In trust, Christ died.

In joy, Christ was raised to new life.

in hope, Christ will come again.

Here at the Table graced with creation's gifts, we discover the world you intend.

Here where you love enlivens the bread and the cup

we are given more than enough of everything we need.

Sharing deeply in the Spirit, we can give hope its wings,

as it carries us to serve the broken all around us.

Strengthened by the grace with which you feed us,

we can join together to sustain the weary of the world.

And when the gates of joy have been opened to us,

we will spend moment by moment,

every knee in creation bending, singing our praises to you,

God in Community, Holy in One.

AMEN.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Into My Heart*

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

CHOIR FOR BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER “GOOD FRIDAY” WORSHIP SERVICE ...

If you are interested in singing with the Cluster Choir for this special service, please let Pastor Dave know as soon as possible. Rehearsal will be this Wednesday at Shavertown UMC at 7:30 PM

“MAUNDY THURSDAY” WORSHIP SERVICE ... This Thursday ... here ... 7:00 PM ... Invite

and bring others with you.

BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER “GOOD FRIDAY” WORSHIP SERVICE ... This Friday at

Shavertown UMC ... 7:00 PM ... Invite and bring others with you.

“EASTER” WORSHIP SERVICE ... Next Sunday ... 10:00 AM ... Invite and bring others with you

BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER PULPIT EXCHANGE ... Sunday, April 23rd ... Pastor Lucy

Obrzut from Luzerne UMC will be preaching at Alderson UMC and here at Dallas UMC. Pastor Dave will be preaching at Maple Grove UMC.

QUILTING GROUP # 1 ... Tuesday ... 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM ... This group meets in the Wesley

Room making “ugly sleeping bags” for MY BROTHERS KEEPER MINISTRIES. For more information please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

QUILTING GROUP # 2 ... Wednesday ... 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ... This group meets in the Wesley

Room making “PROJECT DJ QUILTS” (for ill children) and “QUILTS OF VALOR” (for veterans). For more information please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sundays at 9:30 AM. New members are always welcome.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ... Sundays at 8:45 AM.

GRIEF SHARE ... Information for this important program being hosted at Shavertown UMC is available on our bulletin board in our entrance hallway

PASTIE SALE ... Information for Lehman-Idetown UMC’s April PASTIE SALE is on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway.

COMMUNITY ESCAPE ROOM ... Saturday, April 22nd, and Sunday, April 23rd at Orange UMC.

More information is [on](#) the bulletin board in our entrance hallway.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BLOOD DRIVE ... Our next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be **Thursday, April 27th, from 1:00 PM**

until 5:30 PM. If you are able, please donate here. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcross.org/give-blood. If you can volunteer to help welcome donors or help with the canteen, please contact our church office.

BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY ... COMMUNITY CARE CABINET ...

RUTH’S PLACE ... SHOEMAKER HUB ... We have containers on a table in the Prayer Room for your contributions to these ministries. **PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT “AREA” MINISTRIES!!!**