

WELCOME TO:
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:30 AM Adult Christian Education
10:45 AM Worship
Fellowship Hour Following Worship

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*No matter who YOU are or where YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here.*

*“Never place a period where God has placed a comma” --
Gracie Allen*



With enthusiasm, we welcome you to this Palm Sunday service. “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” (Luke 19:38, NRSV)

Christ Jesus didn't reject anyone neither do we. God Is Still Speaking!

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday



***Those who are able are invited to stand.**
BOLD print – congregation participates.
Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.

Eternal God, whose whisper silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but Your own. Speak to us now through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show forth Christ's love in lives committed to Your service. Amen.

Organ chimes

Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Greeting:

L: No matter who YOU are or where YOU are on life's journey,
P: YOU are welcome here!

Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship: “I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me” #741

Gospel Reading: Mathew 21: 1 – 11

Response: “Praise be to You, O Christ!”

***Hymn of Adoration: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor #216**

***Call to Confession (Psalm 118: 2, 4, 19)**

L: Let Israel say,

P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

L: Let those who fear the Lord say,

P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness

P: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

***Confession (In Unison)**

On this holy, blessed day, O God of hosts, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember, too, that Jesus’s resolve to complete His ministry reflects the love and commitment You have for us and for all the world. Forgive us when we live apart from this love, and forgive us that we fail to allow Your love to penetrate our hearts and to work its miracle in our souls. Renew us now as these sacred events unfold before us and cause us to journey with Christ all the days of our lives and forever. Amen.

**Words of Forgiveness and Assurance (Pastor)*

L: Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus’s obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the One who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Call to Praise**

L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,

P: “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

L: He answered.

P: “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

***Distribution of the Palms: “Let the Parade Begin”**

***Hymn of Praise: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #213**

Blessing of the Palms

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

Anthem: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” – Thomas Williams

First Lesson: Philippians 2: 5 – 11

***Hymn of Preparation: “In a Lowly Manger Born” #162**

A Reading of the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of St. Matthew 27: 11 – 54

A Time of Silence and Reflection

***Hymn of Faith: “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” #200**

***Call to Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you

P: and also with you.

L: Let us pray: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

P: and renew a right spirit within me.

L: Cast us not away from Your presence

P: and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. (Please be seated)

Morning Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

God of all good gifts,

we thank You for showing us how to care for each other.

May these gifts lead to great feasting

for those who have no banquets set before them.

May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer

for those who are homeless.

May these gifts proclaim Your desire that all Your creation live in peace.

Give us grateful hearts, O God,

in the name of the One who came to draw all people to Himself,

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***Hymn of Response: "Before Your Cross, O Jesus" #191**

***Benediction**

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Postlude



Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director	Claire White
Lay Reader	Janice Lonsinger
Church Secretary	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 3 – 22 – 26 Sunday School: 8 Worship: 22

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR March 22, 2026

Current	\$ 355.00
Parsonage Rent	\$6,600.00
Plate	\$ 29.00
Sunday School	\$ 39.00
OGHS	\$ 65.00
TOTAL	\$7,088.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 5 th , Easter Sunday	9:15 AM Easter Breakfast
	10:45 AM Worship

Choir practice will follow worship today.



Holy Week Services:

April 2 – Maundy Thursday (7:00 PM)

April 3 – Good Friday (7:00 PM)

April 5 – Easter Breakfast (9:15 AM) *Please sign up in Fellowship Room*

April 5 – Easter Worship (10:45 AM)

Do you have someone whom you would like to invite to Church? This is a good week to make that invitation – Holy Week! Remember to invite them to Easter breakfast at 9:15 AM next Sunday. Thank you.

Faith Fellowship is sponsoring a fundraiser starting April 6. Orders are due on April 19. Please participate and support the cause. Thank you.

Dates Ahead: (Please mark your calendars. Thank you!)

May 2 – Spring Clean Up Day

June 20 – Yard Sale

August 16 – Church Picnic

End-of- Year Statements. If you wish a statement of your giving for 2025 for tax purposes, please let the church office know.

Would you like to donate a Memorial Tree to our Community Garden? We will be planting around 8 fruit trees with plaques costing around \$125 - \$150. Please speak with any of our Committee Members if you have any questions. Thank you.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is available on the board above the water fountain.

Large-print Daily Bread devotionals are available in the narthex (hall). Please help yourself.

Don't forget to like us and follow us on Facebook

(www.facebook.com/faithuccaltoona) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (@faithuccaltoona).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! In an effort to keep our prayer list as up-to-date as possible, we request that you **personally notify the office** any time a name needs to be added or deleted from the list. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:

Alesandro Bond Family (grieving)

Dave Zimmerman

Donald Imler

Jeff Cain

Richard Port

Gracie Raihl

Rick Plowman

Vivian Fitzsimmons

Heather Guthrie

Nick Lonsinger

Baby Ridge

Lettie Allen

Dallas Webb

Peggy Mapes

Zach Lonsinger Family

Donna Skelley

Linda Hollen

Carol Marlett

Our sick and shut-ins

We offer up our prayers for any of our **church family** not listed here who may be in need.



Please pray for our men and women in the military.

