

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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Pastor

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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, April 13, 2025

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

L: Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us."

P: Behold our God the ruler who dares to be last rather than first.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19: 28 – 40

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)*

***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: "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" #215**

Blessing of the Palms

Anthem: "Palm Branches – Williams/Nolan

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

Reading of the Passion Narrative: Luke 22: 1 – 23: 12

***Hymn of Preparation: "Sing, My Tongue" #220**

SERMON

***Words of Commitment**

L: Let us fast from despair

P: so that we may feast on gratitude.

L: Let us fast from worry

P: so that we may feast on trust.

L: Let us fast from anger

P: so that we may feast on forgiveness.

L: Let us fast from self-centeredness

P: so that we may feast on humility.

L: Let us fast from burdens too heavy to bear

P: so that we may feast on unceasing prayer.

L: Let us fast from gossip

P: so that we may feast on truth.

L: Loving God, empty us of every form of bitterness and resentment

P: so that we may be filled with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***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)

Holy One, we give You thanks for the great deeds of salvation that You have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further Your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Morning Prayer

***Hymn of Response: “Rule of Life, We Crown You Now” #228**

***Benediction**

***Masithi Page 760**

Postlude



Participating in Today’s Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ’s family
Music Director Claire White
Acolyte Nick Lonsinger
Greeter Christina Lonsinger
Church Secretary Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 4—6—25 Sunday School: 5 Worship: 18

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR April 6, 2025

Current	\$815.00
Plate	\$ 40.00
Sunday School	\$ 34.00
OGHS	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$914.00



Janice Lonsinger 4/19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 20th, Easter Sunday 10: 45 AM Worship

Consistory will be this Wednesday at 6:00 PM.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17th: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 PM. Holy Communion and stripping of the altar.

Friday, April 18th: Good Friday Worship at 7:00 PM. The drama, "The Inn Keeper's Wife" will be presented by Janice Lonsinger.

Easter Sunday, April 20th: Worship at 10:45 AM.

Many thanks to those who helped with the "Spring Clean Up" yesterday and last Saturday. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Next Sunday, we will have an Easter Breakfast here at the church beginning at 9:15 AM. Everyone is invited, and please bring something to contribute to the breakfast, although that is not required! (No Sunday School next week, but that will continue on the 27th). Please "sign up" for the breakfast in the Fellowship Room. Thank you.

Next Sunday is the Easter Breakfast. It is also the day we remember the Altoona Food Bank with our donations. Thank you for your participation.

OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) envelopes are still available for those who may have missed our special all-church offering. Thank you.

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2025 is available on the board above the water fountain.

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

Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:

Rick Plowman
Richard Port
Vivian Fitzsimmons
Craig Meyers
Heather Guthrie
Nick Lonsinger
Janet Weyer
Beverly Emig Family, grieving
Baby Ridge
Dave Zimmerman
Lettie Allen
Sally Sprow
Joe Stubby
Dallas Webb
Peggy Mapes
Zach Lonsinger Family
Donna Skelley
Linda Hollen
Shawn Ellis
Scott Weyer
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.

