

Jesus was the only one in the parade who knew why he was going to Jerusalem – to die. He had a mission, while everyone else had an agenda.

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**Gold Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE                   *"The Palms"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather, waving palms of joy and branches of peace,

**People: Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.**

Leader: We gather, waving palms of joy and branches of praise,

**People: Longing to know peace in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing to be accepted for who we are instead of being judged for not being or doing enough.**

Leader: We gather, waving palms of joy and branches of peace,

**People: Are we ready to walk through the night of anguish, the morning of accusations, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.**

Leader: We gather, waving palms of joy and branches of prayer, as we journey toward Easter. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN            "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna".....no. 248**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We will sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so - but not when the hostile "Good Friday" crowds might hear us. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that we are one of them. Be patient with us, O God, help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we may be forever transformed. In Jesus' name. AMEN**

**+SILENT PRAYER** *(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Over the shouts of the crowds, God hears our prayers, forgives our sins and sets us free again.

**People: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are free! AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

BELL CHOIR                   *"Sounds of Joy"*

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

GOSPEL LESSON 1           Matthew 21:1-11                   pg. 802

CHOIR ANTHEM               *"The Holy City"*

GOSPEL LESSON 2           Matthew 23:37-39               pg. 805

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal**

**\*HYMN            *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*.....no. 239**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY       *"There is a Green Hill Far Away"*

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN            *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*.....no. 249**

Let There Be Peace on Earth   Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION   (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE                   *"Crown Imperial"*

(those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Mike and Bev Madara.

Today is the last day to order your Easter Lily.

Thank you for your support of the Lenten project thus far. We currently have a good supply of crayons and pencils. We are particularly in need of 3 ring binders, lined paper, pencil boxes and folders. Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

*While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.*

Doris Fultz	Kathy Schlegel	Kevin Chandler
Christian Gress	Penny Wolfe	Carol McDonough
George Bailey	Alan LaBelle	

The Peace Church Choir will be singing at the Barnstormers Baseball game on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Game time is 6:30 pm. For more information see John Haldeman or Pat Acebo.

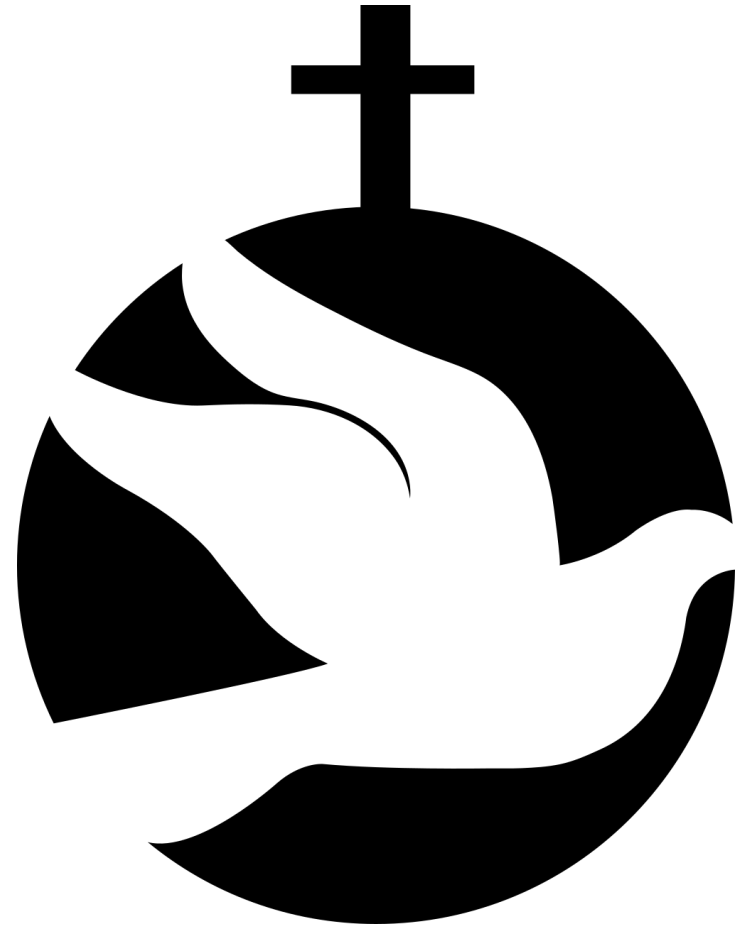
#### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – No Bible Study  
Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm  
Church Council – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Ministry/ VBS planning meeting – 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Health and Welfare Sunday – A representative from Vision Corp will be speaking  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Chicken BBQ – 10:00 am

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 Communion Service  
Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Passion Narrative – 7:30 pm  
Saturday Easter Vigil, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 6am – midnight  
**EASTER MORNING - 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 am.**

# Peace United Church of Christ



April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday