

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.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* Bells

***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**

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 pg. 492

CHOIR ANTHEM *“The Holy City”*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11 pg. 823

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”no. 239**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Joy”* Bells

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN “The Palms”See Insert**

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 Dixie Schweitzer.

Today is the last day to order your Easter Lily.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Doris Fultz	Mel Gerhart	Deb Schleicher
Sally Romich	Anna Lesher	Jeff Moyer
Mildred Krick	Pastor Bill	Jean Trostle
Jim Gress	Tom Francis	

COMING EVENTS

Monday, March 26th – No Bell Choir
Thursday, March 29th – No Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 3rd - Health and Welfare - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 10th – Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm
Church Council – 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 28th – Youth Chicken BBQ – 10:00 am

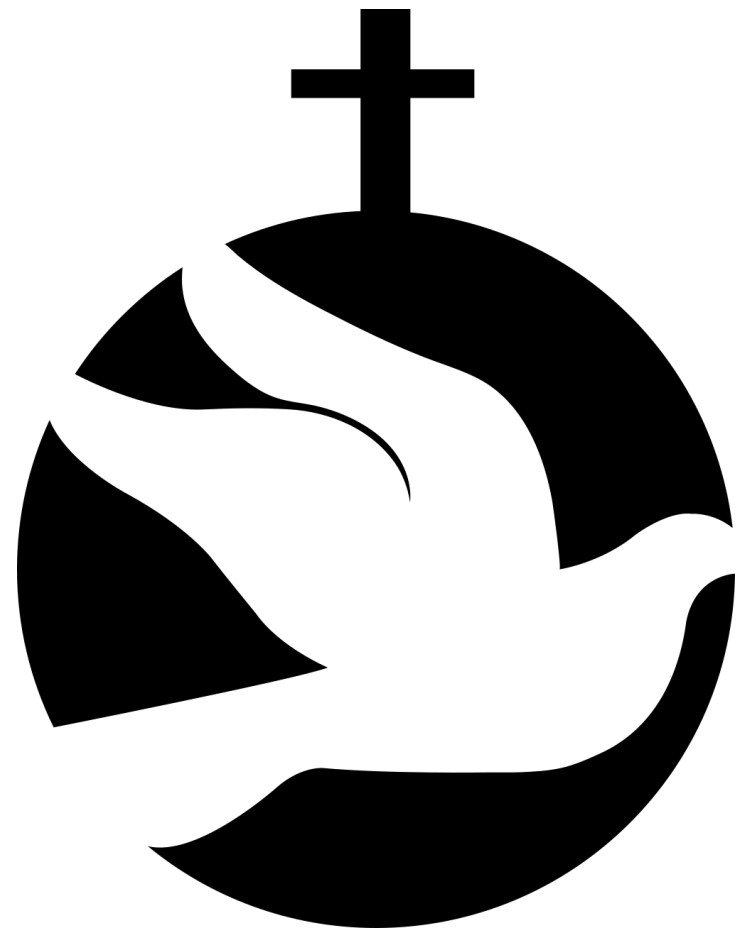
HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, March 29th - Maundy Thursday Communion - 7:30 pm
Friday, March 30th - Good Friday Passion Narrative - 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 31st - Easter Vigil – 6:00 am - midnight
Sunday, April 1st - Easter Morning - 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

We invite you to follow the example of our youth and write a letter expressing your hopes and prayers for the people of Zion Church and Puerto Rico as they continue to rebuild in the coming New Year. Please drop your cards in the box that will be provided in the Narthex and we will send them all together.

Throughout Lent a pack and play will be in the narthex to collect supplies for the Diapers for Tots Baskets. The youth are collecting baby bath items, formula, bibs, bottles, pacifiers, teething rings, jars of baby food, clothing for infants and toddlers, baby wipes, age-appropriate toys and diapers. All of these items will then be taken to Tabor to distribute to families in need.

Peace United Church of Christ



March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday