

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

* indicates to stand as you are able;
if sitting is better for you, feel free to do so!

Preparing for Worship Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr Broughton

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*
Announcements *Bonnie Cole*
There are pads in the seats to help us connect with you—please take some time during the service to fill it out and pass it along. Feel free to “check in” on Facebook as well.

We are Called to Worship

One: Hear from the Gospel of Mark how Jesus entered Jerusalem in the week before the Passover.

(Mark 11:1-11 is read aloud by the Liturgist)

Hosanna, Son of David!

All: Hosanna in the Highest!

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the Highest!

One: Let us pray together:

God of all times, creator of each season, we know how hard it is to keep company with our fears and sorrows, our storms and clouds. We are guilty of rushing through life, looking for the bright days, the sunny experiences, the clear skies, and then wanting to preserve them. Yet Holy Week offers us the space to explore the dry places, the twists and turns, the turbulent waters and to discover again the essence of our story. Holy One, journey with us through this week and open our souls to hear your word in the midst of every doubt and question, and to see your grace at work in every event in our lives. Open us to a deeper awareness of your presence and your power that lives in us and through us all. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Song #278 (red) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**
The children will distribute the palms during this hymn

***We Exchange Signs of Peace and Blessing**
Please greet your neighbors, especially those you don’t yet know

Anthem The Palms ~ arr. Faure/Buck *Chancel Choir*

A Time for the Child in All of Us (11am)

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God’s Purposes
With Palms Before Him Went ~ arr. Wagner *Sean Stafford*
Response: All things come from you, O God.

All: And of your own have we given you.

*Song of Dedication #94 Doxology *Prayer of Dedication

A Service of Lessons and Hymns

Mark 14:12-25

#620 (red) v.1,2 One Bread, One Body

Mark 14:25-42

#290 (red) v.1 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Mark 14:43-50

#289 (red) v.1 Ah, Holy Jesus

Mark 14:53-72

#2112 (black) v.1,3 Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

Mark 15:1-24

#286 (red) v.1 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Mark 15:25-47

#288 (red) v.1,4,5 Were You There

*Closing Prayer (In Unison)

Holy One, who rides into our cities, who draws near to our lives: We, too, rise to greet you, to shout our hosannas, to feel life stir within us, to sense hope quickening in our hearts. For you are our great God, loving friend, wise counselor. But deep in some far corner of our being, we fear your arrival. For you offer us a choice, and to choose you means letting go of jealousies and resentments, our private wars against others and our timid acceptance of ourselves. Like the people of Jerusalem, we discover that you are more than we first thought. Beyond loud hosannas, you ask for our commitment and our lives. And we are learning, piece by piece, to give them to you. This day, this week, move us into the deepest levels of ourselves. Open us to the entire story of your life with us. Guide us from the woundedness of this world to the hope that is Easter. Amen.

***Song #298 (red) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*Blessing
Preparing for the Week O Sons and Daughters by Lani Smith

Bulletin Dedication

Given to the glory of God to honor the dedicated members of Central's Prayer Chain ministry by Andy Tewksbury

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Brooke Melby on her 14th birthday

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:* Kathy Arrington, Karen Butterworth, Gary & Sandy Denmon, Tony & Wendy Gounalis, Mike & Tracy Jobmann, Tara Mancinelli, Charles & Norma Peters, Earle Spaar, Judy Wilson

Church Family and Friends:

Angela, Bob Merrill, Lee Shelp, Rose Harvey, our homebound members

Congratulations! to Anne & Sean DePugh on the birth of their son, Carter Robert on 3/21

To add prayer concerns (with person's permission), contact Andy Tewksbury (785-5861) or the office (754-6060)

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Greeters	Martha Petrush / Bruce Bishop & Anne DePugh	
Van.....		Knud Hansen

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

March 25, 2018



Welcome!

We welcome guests and visitors today, and we pray that the service will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and our ministries, there are Welcome folders available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

Café Central is our fellowship time with refreshments between services—all are welcome downstairs in the Dining Room!

Assisted Hearing Devices, which operate throughout the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals & bibles** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please speak to an usher.

Child Care during worship is provided in the Nursery (Room 114) for infants and children up to age four. An usher will be happy to accompany you.

Children's Activity Packets are available at the rear of the sanctuary for children's use during the service.

Central Church is sensitive to those with allergies. Most snacks in Café Central are nut-free. Central's communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.

Announcements

2 Cents Per Meal Collection for Central's Thursday community meal, Shepherd's Supper, will be taken after the service today.

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Phillip Yancey. A new book, *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor will begin on April 2.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 7pm on March 29. The Chancel choir will sing, communion served and we will leave a stripped sanctuary in silence to prepare our hearts and minds for the solemnity of Good Friday.

Community Witness Walk will be held at noon on March 30 at All Saints Catholic School (1112 Broad St, Endicott). Walkers stop for readings based on the Stations of the Cross as they walk around Endicott. The walk is about an hour and held rain or shine.

Good Friday Service will be held at 7pm on March 30. Living Water will offer quiet music between the readings and meditations on Jesus's last hours before dying on the cross.

Adult Sunday School a new class led by Mark Marino will begin on Sunday, April 8. "Picturing God" is a four-week study that will look at different ways to "see" God, describe our experiences of God, and witness to how God works in the world.

Harmony Club Concert will be held at on Wednesday, April 4 at 1pm in the Central's sanctuary followed by a fellowship time in the lounge. The concert is free.

Easter Flower forms are available at either entrance to recognize someone in honor or memory in the Easter bulletin. **Today** is the deadline to order flowers.

Church Service Broadcast on Sundays and Mondays has changed cable channels. Spectrum TV has moved the public access channel from 4 to 1301.

Happy 110th Birthday to Goldie Small! An open house at Good Shepherd Village (32 Village Dr, Endwell) will be held Saturday, March 31 from 2-4pm. No gifts please but cards are appreciated.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #3
9:00 Café Central – dining room
9:30 Church School
11:00 WORSHIP – Usher Team #3



Monday, March 26

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)
6:30 Praise Band
7:00 Ahwaga Canoe
7:30 Book Study at Jonathans



Tuesday, March 27

10-12 Clothing Center
1:00 Book Study - lounge
7:00 Church Council - lounge

Wednesday, March 28

8-4 Sanctuary Open
11-1 Clothing Center

Thursday, March 29

10:00 Newsletter Mailing
5:00 Shepherd's Supper
5:30-7 Clothing Center
6:00 Cappella Ringers
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service
8:00 Chancel Choir



Friday, March 30

Office Closed

12:00 Community Witness Walk
7:00 Good Friday Service



Saturday, March 31

2-4 Goldie Small's Birthday Open House
at Good Shepherd Village

Sunday, April 1

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #4
9:00 Café Central – dining room
9:30 Church School
11:00 WORSHIP – Usher Team #4

