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April 13th, 2025

Palm Sunday

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School will resume on April 27th.**
- **Bible Study will also resume on April 23rd, @ 10 am.**
- **April 14th deadline to order Tulips, Hyacinths, and Lilies in memory of your loved ones for Easter. Place Order forms in offering plates or call 330 482-2382. The cost is \$9.00 each. Checks are to be made out to First United Methodist Church.**
- **April 16th Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch Haus, come join us at 10 am, no reservations needed.**
- **April 17th, Maundy Thursday Service/Dinner @ 6:30 pm. RSVP so Pastor Cyndi knows how many to prepare for.**
- **April 18th, Good Friday service will be at 5 pm. The sanctuary will be open from 3 to 5 for personal prayer and meditation.**
- **Easter Service will be held at regular worship service time, 10:30 am.**

Opening Prayer:

With great joy we welcome You, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long, and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear Your words, as we sing praise to You. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #xxx**

Call to Worship:

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

P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

L: He comes with joy and hope.

P: He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Baptism of Riley Ryan Clawson

Offertory:

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation: "Who Is He" (see insert)**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "A King on a Colt" Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #159**

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Oh, Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You today as One Body to worship You, and to praise Your name in song and prayer. Because You are deserving of all that we can give to You. So I ask that we give to Him today with all our heart and soul.

You have gotten us through another week, You have allowed us to have joy and laughter, to balance out the tears and pain. We live in a world where sickness and evil exist, through it all we can count on You to walk us through. Your Word gives us great examples of how You have spared Your people from the evil of this world, and if we take a moment, we can recall the evil You have spared us from also. For that alone, we praise Your name.

Today we will witness the baptism of a little boy named Riley. You have given him to us, and since he has come into our lives, he has brought a new love, a lot of laughter, and much joy. Today we dedicate him to you. We ask that You guide us in our lives so that we reflect You to not just Riley, but also to Rhea, Juliana, Victoria, Lincoln, Leah, Skylar, Ava, and all the other children and youth who want and need to know You more.

We thank You for the children You have placed in our lives, we thank You for all that they bring to us. Continue to give to us Your wisdom, so that we can make the right decisions for them, keep them safe, and nurture the free and innocent spirit that You have given to them. So that they will continue to grow into the person You have made them to be.

We praise Your name for being with Brooke this past week and thank You for getting her through her surgery. The result of her surgery tells us that You truly had Your hand in it. We ask that You continue to walk alongside her through her recovery. Help her to withstand the pain that comes before the healing. Give her the strength to push through it, and allow her to know when to rest and be still so that Your healing can take place.

We have others in our church family who continue to need Your healing. We lift to You Al, and Russ. Betty and Bob's son Cory. Dear Heavenly Father, we know that they have found a mass on his brain, and we know that no task is too big or complicated for You. Give to Cory's medical team Your wisdom so they see what You see and know what You know. Guide their minds and their hands as they work to remove this mass. You are the Great Physician, so we ask that You extend Your healing hand upon him and allow this mass to decrease starting now. All for Your glory and honor.

We lift to You those who are dealing with cancer, Judy's niece Beth, and Catlynn's co-worker, . Because with You by their side You will give them the strength needed to get through their treatments. Give their doctors Your wisdom so they know the treatment that they need. We believe that even without treatment You can speak the words You are healed, and they can be healed. So we ask that Your will be done in their lives.

We join Jeff in remembering his brother Johnathon. Today would have been his birthday, we hope that he has a great celebration with You and all the company of heaven.

We lift to You Patty, dear heavenly Father she needs Your healing also, and her doctors need Your guidance. So we ask that You bring to her medical team the wisdom needed to help them know what she needs, and bring to her Your the healing that she needs.

We live in a world that is changing every day. Guide us each day with Your wisdom, strength, and boldness so that we can remain in You, and we may reflect the good and loving that is still in this world. And when that is seen in us, You are seen in this world.

Thank You for allowing us to be Your Church here in this community. Thank You for the opportunities You open up for us. Help us to continue to see Your visions, hear Your voice, and follow You where You lead us. So that, Your Church may continue to gain souls for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.