

# St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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**We Worship, We Love, We Serve  
– No Matter What!**

**April 13, 2025  
Palm Sunday  
9:30am**

# We Worship

**\* Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

*Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton! We are a place where love can grow!*

*As the music begins, please find your place and  
begin to center your spirit for our worship of God together.*

***Children and Confirmation Class gather in Rm 201.***

***There is no regular Children's Class during worship today.***

***They are welcome to return to parents after the Palm Processional.***

## Chimes

### Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

- Holy Week Schedule, April 17, 7:00pm  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service  
and April 18, 12:00pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross  
and 7:00pm Tenebrae Service of Shadows
- Holy Humor Weekend, April 26-27, **Sign Up Today!**  
Dinner and Laughs Fund-raiser on Saturday, 6:00-8:00pm  
with "Open Mic" comedy!  
Please Register online or call/email the Church Office  
Holy Humor Sunday, April 27
- Kentucky Derby Gift Card Bingo – Friday, May 2

### \*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

### Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

*Hosanna*

by Christian Gregor

### \*Blessing of the Palms (facing the back)

Rev. Davis

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

**All: Hosanna in the Highest!**

One: Dear friends in Christ, on this day our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
entered into the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. Today  
we greet Jesus as our Anointed King, with His crown in  
thorns and His throne a cruel cross. We follow Him this

week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection, by traveling the dark road of His passion, knowing that as we are united with Christ in His suffering on the cross we also share with Him in the triumph of resurrection life.

**All: Guide us in this most Holy Week with your mercy, Lord. God of our Salvation, may we enter with joy into the celebration of your mighty acts of love for us. Give us life abundant and eternal, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen**

**\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 19: 28-40

Reader: Tyler Shankweiler

He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**One: The Word of God for the People of God**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## \*Procession of the Palms

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*Please join in singing Verses 1, 2 and 4.*


*As the Confirmation Class and children process to the cross and altar with their palms, we encourage you to wave your palms from your pews.*

### 265 All Glory, Laud and Honor


*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem-er, King,




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 760-821); tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

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Affirmation of Faith

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts  
*The Apostles' Creed*

One: Let us unite in this historic confession of our Christian faith.  
All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: We sing and wave our palm branches, we even shout 'Hosanna.' yet we still turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins. As we prepare to celebrate this holiest of weeks, let us in silence confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace, bringing our prayers before him.

*(Time for Silent Prayer)*

Sung Response

LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Jesus Prayer

Carol Browning

Ostinato Refrain

Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of the liv-ing God, have  
mer-cy on me, a sin-ner, have mer-cy.

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## **Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

**All: Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

**One: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:**

**All: Christ has come to save us! Hosanna! We give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us forgiveness. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Children's Message**

Rev. Davis

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps.

## **Hymn**

*O Christ with Us You Suffer*

Verses 1 and 2

*found on page 6*

## **\*Scripture Reading**

Philippians 2: 5-11

Reader: Tyler Shankweiler

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**One: The word of God for the people of God.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# O CHRIST, WITH US YOU SUFFER

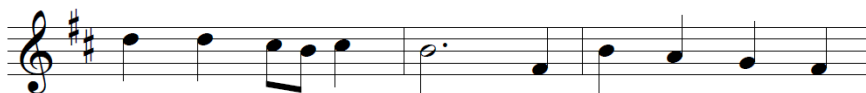
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Adam M. L. Tice

Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612



1. O Christ, with us you suf - fer when  
2. The whole of na - ture suf - fered as  
3. And yet the earth still suf - fers, con -



jus - tice is de - nied as once for all you  
you gave up your breath. The heav - ens groaned in  
sumed by hu - man greed that fills a few with



suf - fered when on the cross you died.  
an - guish and dark - ness marked your death.  
prof - its while man - y live in need.



Yet we de - ny the vic - t'ry your  
But when you rose tri - um - phant, the  
O Christ, grant us the wis - dom to



res - ur - rec - tion won when we ig - nore in -  
plan - et shook with joy to her - ald life's new  
claim the ser - vant's place with - in your ho - ly



jus - tice and leave your will un - done.  
dawn - ing that death could not de - stroy.  
gar - den, and cul - ti - vate your grace.

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**If God Is Love, Don't Be a Jerk!**  
**Finding a Faith That Makes Us Better Humans**  
by John Pavlovitz

**If God Is Love: The Gospel According to You**

**Song of Praise**

*Come Behold the Lamb*  
by Dana Mengel

*Come and behold the Lamb, Jesus, the great "I Am," broken and bruised by humanity. Come and behold the Christ, Jesus, who paid the price. He came to save us and set us free.*

*Come, behold the Lamb of God high upon the rugged cross, He who came our King and Savior to be. Come, behold the Lamb of God, sinners guilty for this loss. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy on me.*

*Come and behold the sight: Jesus, the Lord of light, now in the clutches of death's embrace. Come and behold the man, part of a greater plan: sin will be vanquished by truth and grace.*

*Come, behold the Lamb of God high upon the rugged cross, He who came our King and Savior to be. Come, behold the Lamb of God, sinners guilty for this loss. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy on me.*

# We Love

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of the People**

Rev. Davis

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

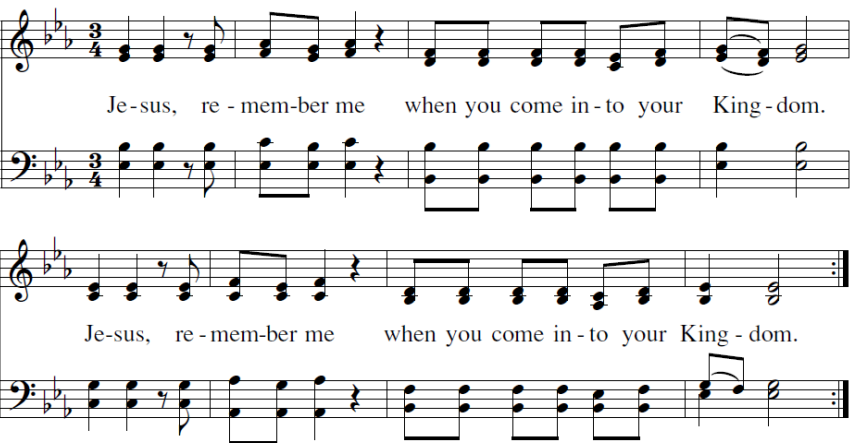
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen**



# Sung Response

## Jesus, Remember Me

Ostinato Refrain



Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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# Presenting Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



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and faithfulness in supporting  
the ministry of  
St. John’s UCC!

## \*Doxology

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Verse 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

**All:** We give You thanks, holy and eternal God, for these gifts of abundance in Christ. We carry these branches as signs of His love. We offer our gifts and service for Your glory. May we take up our cross and follow Him. Amen.

## We Serve

**Closing Hymn:**

*Lift High the Cross*  
Verses 1, 2, and 4

*found on page 10 of the bulletin*

**\*Holy Week Reminders and Benediction**

Rev. Davis

**\*Postlude**

*Lift High the Cross*  
Verse 5

*When the altar candles have been extinguished, our time of worship is concluded  
and our service in the world continues.*

*The Benediction and Postlude send us out  
to be the people of God in our community.*

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**Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule**

**8:30am Adult Faith Formation**

- Friendship Sunday School Class

**9:30am Worship / Children's Faith Formation**

- with Sunday Social time following worship

**11:00am Confirmation Class and other Youth**

**Flowers on the Chancel**

For Mom and Dad by Bill Fink

# Lift High the Cross

## Refrain

*Unison*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

## Verses

*Harmony*

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where the Mas-ter trod, Our  
2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, The  
3. Each new-born fol-l'wer of the Cru-ci-fied Bears  
4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, Your  
5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise

King vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.  
on the brow the seal of Him who died.  
death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.  
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.  
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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**Attendance – April 6**  
Onsite – 101    Online - 27

## **Serving in Worship Leadership**

### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

**Lectionary Readings:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40

#### **Liturgy of the Passion**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-16*

*Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 22:14 - 23:56*

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts	Scripture Reader: Tyler Shankweiler
Worship Tech: Bill Castello	Greeters: Nicholas and Heather Santee
Ushers: Carole O'Connell	Acolyte: Lucas Williams
Altar Guild: Linda Apple	Social Hour Hosts: Lady PEEPS

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Liturgist: Regi Mohr	Scripture Reader: Barbara Menges
Worship Tech: Bill Castello	Acolyte: Aiden Hannis
Greeters & Ushers: Wendy Fox, Kathy Roth	

### **Good Friday, April 18**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and Psalm 22*

*Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 and John 18:1-19:42*

Liturgist: Sharon Czekner	Scripture Reader: Sean Hartman
Worship Tech – Bill Castello	Acolyte: Nicholas Santee
Greeter: Marian DeMilio	
Ushers: Kim Hillegass and Wayne Lichtenwalner	

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12*

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts	Scripture Reader: Sherri Gangewere
Worship Tech – Bill Castello	Acolyte: OPEN
Ushers: Sharon Antrim, Robin Brensinger	Altar Guild: Linda Apple
Kay Chryst, Wendy Fox and Kathy Roth	

**NO SOCIAL HOUR**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Larry Albright, Phyllis Ambearle, Grace Arnold, Kate Asbill, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Diana Beck, Clarence and Dorothea Biehn, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Bob Czekner, Rob Czekner, Margaret and Mike Davis, Samuel, Nick and Amanda Devaney, Janet Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Lynn Gilbert, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Joy Gravely, Gail Hanzl, Donna Held, Ray Hower, Geraldine Keim, Emma Kuczek Repp, Jean Litzenberger, Bob Lopez, Judy Luckenbill, Robert Menges, Gayle Mihulec, Karen Moyer, Joey Raszler, Bobby Sherman, Madeline Slivka, Leona Snyder, Martha Strauss, and George Williams.

Continued prayers for those in our military, especially Dominic DeMilio, Kaden Rossanese, and Nathan Unger.

We pray for the family and friends of Sandra Diefenderfer, who died on March 24. No services are currently scheduled.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's or use the church code, **473**. To add someone to our prayer list please contact the Church Office.

## GIANT, WEIS, REDNER'S

Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. You can get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday. Save the register tapes from Redner's and the church receives 1% back. A collection jar for the tapes is on the table in the lounge area or see Karen Stoitsits. Please do not roll the Redner's tapes and do not include other stores' receipts.

## WANTED!

A sewing person is needed to join our Crafters group, "Keeping you in Stitches." We are looking for someone willing to help sew our table runners, bowl cozies, baby bibs, etc. Fabric and directions will be provided along with help if needed. Please contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or crazler@aol.com if you are interested.

## LOTS OF LAUGHS (We Hope)

Saturday evening and Sunday morning, April 26-27, will be our "Holy Humor Weekend" and a time for us to share in fun, food, laughs and love with each other in celebration of our eternal life in Christ.

We will share a meal and raise funds for St. John's projects. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids age 12 and under. There will also be a registration link to RSVP for the meal together on our website.

If you would like to participate in our “Open Mic Comedy” time during our Saturday evening meal or share something funny in our worship, please let Pastor Steve know and sign up on the red display board in the back.

### **WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY**

**For the month of April, we are collecting pancake mix, jelly, and coffee.**

Any other non-perishable food items as well as monetary contributions are always welcome. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary for you to place your food donations. If you would like to volunteer at the pantry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 9am to 11am or 5:30pm to 7:30pm at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, please contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or [gary.t.black@outlook.com](mailto:gary.t.black@outlook.com).

### **BASEBALL IS COMING!**

Time to make your reservations for St John’s night at the IronPigs Party Porch. Sunday, May 25, 6:35 pm. The price of \$40 includes admission to the porch, buffet from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and unlimited soft drinks and bottled water throughout the evening. It is Memorial Day eve, so Fireworks will follow the game. Please see Tom Moyer with your paid reservation.

### **GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY**

You are invited to attend a grief support group at Asbury UM Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the upper-level Parlor and is led by Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury’s Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries. Please contact her at [estupp@asburylv.org](mailto:estupp@asburylv.org) or (610) 428-9095 for more details and to indicate your interest. The next support gathering is **Tuesday, April 22**.

### **WALKING CHALLENGE**

Welcome all St. John's 2025 Walking Challenge participants. Please sign up for our Spring Walking Challenge beginning Sunday, April 27 and ending Saturday, May 24. Contact Sharon Antrim at [sharonantrim@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonantrim@yahoo.com) or call/text me at 610-216-6207. As always, it will be a lot of fun accumulating all the steps. And remember, you'll be doing your body good!! Let's get healthier.

### **REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR OUR “BASKET SOCIAL & BAKE SALE”**

It’s not too early for us to receive filled basket donations for our Basket Social on May 31 and June 1. Gift cards or gift certificates to restaurants and businesses as well as any monetary donations are always welcome. If you feel you are not talented enough to make a basket, bring your items to church, and we’ll make a basket for you. Re-gifting items are also accepted

for anything you received as a gift but will never use or wear. Empty baskets are available if you need one. Donations of baked goods are also requested. See Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler.

**EASTER BASKETS FOR YOUTH**

Reminder: Filled baskets for youth at Pinebrook Family Answers’ High Fidelity Wraparound are due back into the church office TODAY. Contact Emma Rarich at 610-462-6777 or email [erarich@pbfalv.org](mailto:erarich@pbfalv.org) if you have any questions.

**PEOPLE NEEDED TO SERVE ON  
“FUN-RAISING” COMMITTEE**

Help is needed for anyone interested in serving on St. John’s “Fun-Raising” Committee. If you have thoughts on ways to raise money for the church, ideas for new fundraisers, suggestions for current fundraisers, we need you to consider becoming part of this committee. For more information, contact any committee member listed in the church newsletter.

**INCOME REPORT (BETWEEN 4/1 AND 4/7/2025)**

Membership Giving/Operating:	\$5,465.00
Property Needs:	\$257.00
One Great Hour of Sharing:	\$100.00
Our Churches Wider Mission:	\$349.00

Monthly Operating Giving Target: **\$22,500**

**ST. JOHN’S GIFT CARD BINGO**

- You can help by donations of:
- Hamburger Bar-B-Q, 2-3 lbs
  - Hot Dogs, 2 dozen
  - Perogie Casserole
  - Boxes of Snacks (chips, etc.)
  - Baked Goods
  - Sponsor a \$50 gift card for 1 of our 17 games
  - Donate item to Tricky Tray (\$25-\$30 value) - Things like gift cards or any other new items

Please contact Tom Moyer if you can donate any of the above items. Tickets are available from Tom Moyer or Carol Razler, or from the church office during the week.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025**

Thursday, April 17, 2025: Maundy Thursday

### **Service of Communion**

7pm Service

Sharing Handwashing, Communion and Stripping the Church

Friday, April 18, 2025: Good Friday

### **Stations of the Cross (St. John's UCC, Fullerton)**

12pm – The Gathered Community in Worship

### **Service of Tenebrae**

7pm Service

The Passion and Death of our Lord told through scripture and song.

Sunday, April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday

### **Celebration of the Resurrection**

9:30am Service

You are encouraged to bring flowers from home to help us decorate the resurrection cross which will be placed out in front of our church.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend these beautiful services.



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# **CHURCH CALENDAR** **FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 – APRIL 20**

Sun 4/13	8:30 am	Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Social Hour
	11:00 am	Confirmation
Mon 4/14	6:30 pm	Choir
Tues 4/15	10:00 am	Community of Practice
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:00pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 4/16	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 4/17	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri 4/18	12 noon	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae service
Sun 4/20	8:30 am	Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship – Easter Sunday