

Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
ACOLYTE MINISTRY
CHORAL INTROIT & PROCESSION *Hosanna, He Comes in the Name of the Lord*—Beall
Chancel Choir & Children

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Benny Gibson, Liturgist
L: Open the gates!
P: Give us courage to walk through!
L: Lay down the cloaks.
P: We mark the journey to Love's reign.
L: Lift up the branches!
P: Let us boldly proclaim God's peace! Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* No. 278
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881
INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19:35-40 New Testament pg. 78
L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God!
SKIT *Am I Guilty: Cornelius, a Centurion* Bob Chapman
SERMON *Jesus and the Ones He Saves: Among the Grumblers* Rev. Waller
OFFERTORY *Hosanna We Sing*—Hayes Chancel Choir
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Open Our Eyes* TFWS No. 2086
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON See Screen

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After
receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is
located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle.
All offerings left at the Rail today are going to UMCOR.
(Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)*

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 280

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk
with each other in perfect harmony. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Benny Gibson

Greeter: Lindsay McDaniel

Acolytes: Caleb and Bella Godfrey

Ushers: Sam Roseberry and Phillip Roseberry

Children's Church: Jessica Call

Nursery: Mittie Hambrick

Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Serving Next Week (April 9):

Liturgist: Ina Clements

Greeter: Martha Anderson

Acolyte: Landry Foutz

Usher: Jim Anderson

Children's Church: Nancy Middaugh

Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Eleanor Woody; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; April Wyatt Scott; Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

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Meetings and Announcements:

- **Today, April 2** **5:00 p.m.**, Youth Meeting

- **Monday, April 3** **1:00 p.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting and Birthday Party at The Hermitage in Roanoke. We will be carpooling from the RMUMC parking lot promptly at 12:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts

- **Tuesday, April 4** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m., Trustees Committee Meeting

- **Wednesday, April 5** **5:00 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- **Thursday, April 6** **7:00 p.m.**, Maundy Thursday Service

- **Friday, April 7** **Noon**, Good Friday Cross Walk beginning at Rocky Mount Church of God

- **Saturday, April 8** **10:00 a.m.**, Easter Egg Hunt

- **Next Sunday, April 9** **6:45 a.m.**, Easter Sunrise Service at High Street Cemetery
10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship

- **Monday, April 10** **Church Office Closed**

- **Tuesday, April 11** **7:00 p.m.**, Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting

- **Thursday, April 13** **7:00 p.m.**, Building Committee Meeting

- **Sunday, April 16** **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

- **Monday, April 17** **May Newsletter Deadline**

- **Tuesday, April 18** **7:00 p.m.**, Finance Committee Meeting

- **Wednesday, April 19** **5:00 p.m.**, "It's Just A Phase - So Don't Miss It" Parents' Book Discussion

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Thank you Jubilant Ringers for the beautiful addition to our opening hymn!

Youth! Tonight, we will gather to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt. We'll stuff eggs, get our supplies together, and plan the games we'll play with the little ones! Come at 5 p.m. tonight, pickup will be at 6:30 p.m.

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Maundy Thursday is a powerful reminder of our Christ's sacrifice. Hear the choir sing, the Word proclaimed, and Communion shared. 7 p.m. on Thursday night.

Our annual Cross Walk enters its sixth year (no walk in 2020)! Join believers from around Rocky Mount in carrying the cross through the streets of our town. We'll step off at noon on Friday, April 7 from the Church of God headed towards Food Lion with prayer stops along the way. A shuttle bus will bring us back to the Church of God at the end, or if needed, in the middle of the journey.

Easter Egg Hunt - Come out on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. for: 750+ Eggs, Free Church Rooftop Candy Drop, Free Face Painting, Free snacks to all, Free drinks - sweet tea, lemonade, water, and of course, more candy than you can handle!

Experience sunrise service Easter Sunday, April 9 at 6:45 a.m. We'll share in Holy Communion, song, and readings from the Word. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for this service.

Our small groups are taking off and flying high!! For those younger adults - singles and married - you have a choice at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning. Our Branches small group meets on the fourth floor in the choir practice room. The Coffee Club meets in the Atrium (near the coffee pots!) and those folks enjoy a spiritual discussion in a more relaxed setting.

POSITION VACANT: Our small group department has an immediate need for a nursery helper at 10 a.m. Sundays. This person will assist our lead Jennie Ardis with those children 3 years old and younger. Since our small group attendance is increasing, we need to make sure we have appropriate coverage for everyone - especially our children. If you enjoy little ones, please prayerfully consider helping out in our nursery! Please contact Jane Roseberry (540-309-0199) or Pastor Will here at the church if interested or with any questions.

Attention: Parents of High School and College Graduates! If you have a child who will be graduating this spring, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we have an accurate list of the graduates. Please plan to attend the worship service on May 21 as our church celebrates this special time in their life.

We are collecting beef stew for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!