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10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

# Return to Me



*Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church*



We are a people called United Methodists.  
*Open Hearts    Open Minds    Open Doors*

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church  
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*Palm/Passion Sunday  
April 13, 2014*

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.  
If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave  
information on the registration sheets so that we might be in contact with you.*

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

### *Ringing of the Bell*

Organ Prelude “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” ~ *Lani Smith*

Choral Introit - Chancel Choir “Make Way”

### § **Call to Worship**

*Leader:* I can tell: Word has gotten out! Today is a good day!

Today we tell an ancient story of a parade, palms and possibilities.

***People:* And we wear palms and crosses, reminding ourselves that both ecstasy and agony, joy and disappointment are part of our living.**

*Leader:* Today we say: Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name! Hosanna!

***People:* This One is Jesus of Nazareth — teacher, builder, cornerstone, Christ.**

*Leader:* In ancient Jerusalem, people gave Jesus a wonderful welcome  
the week before Passover rituals.

***People:* Today, we celebrate the presence of the living Christ!**

***All:* Holy One, thank you for your unmistakable presence!**

**With our senses and our minds, we delight in the gift of life!**

**We honor you with attentive listening, and we eagerly wait for your voice. Amen!**

§ **Opening Hymn #278** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer, #895**

§ Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Hymn (FWS) #2129** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The Young Church Gathers to Worship

**Hymn (FWS) #2072, refrain** “Amen, Amen”

*Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey;  
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Rynne.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Organ Offertory

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” ~ *James Boeringer*

§ **Doxology #95**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Return to Me**

Text by Terry W. York ~ Music by Taylor Scott Davis

Philippians 2:5-11

**I. Salvation Stands with Open Arms**

Salvation stands with open arms,  
With nail-prints red and flowing.  
Salvation stands upon a nail  
With love and pain, both glowing.

Salvation's flesh is torn and broken,  
By thorns and nails and spear is broken,  
By greed and hate and war is broken,  
By greed and hate and war is broken.

For love and pity,  
For grace and mercy,  
Salvation's flesh is torn,  
Salvation's flesh is torn and broken.

Now when you eat,  
Now when you drink,  
When you see greed and hate and war,  
Remember me.

Salvation stands with open arms,  
With nail-prints red and flowing.  
One hand toward sin, one toward forgiveness,  
With love and pain, both glowing.

**Silence**

John 19:1-3

**II. Hail, King of the Jews**

Rejection pierces his heart;  
Thorns pierce his brow.

Betrayal slaps his soul;  
Soldiers slap his face.  
Laughter saddens his spirit  
As those he deeply loves mock his name.  
Hail, king of the Jews. Hail, king of the Jews.  
Condemnation is the purple robe he wears.

The Innocent stands condemned;  
Hate stands to cheers.  
Betrayal slaps his soul;  
Hatred slaps Love's face.  
Cursing covers their fear;  
Self-righteousness and pride mock his name.  
Hail, king of the Jews. Hail king of the Jews.  
Condemnation is the purple robe he wears.

A crown of thorns, fearful lies,  
Tears and love flow from his eyes.  
The Lord of Life condemned to die;  
Crucify! Crucify!

**Silence**

John 19:14-17

**III. Caesar is Our King**

Crucify him! Crucify him!  
Shall I crucify your king?  
Shall I crucify your king?

Away with this man, for Caesar is our king.  
Away with this man,  
Whom it pleases us to hate.

Away with this man, for Caesar is our king.

Away with this man, for Caesar is our king.  
Away with this man,  
For his teachings make no sense.

Away with him; away with him;  
Caesar is our king.

Away with this man, for Caesar is our king.  
Away with this man,  
For his claims amount to treason:  
Away with this man,  
Can there be more damning reason?

Away with him; Caesar is our king.

So Pilate delivered him,  
And Jesus bore his cross  
to the Place of the Skull.

### **Silence**

Luke 23:26 & Matthew 11:28-30

#### **IV. Simon**

Stranger Simon, tote the cross.  
Stranger Simon, bear the load.  
Faceless Simon, back bent low,  
Know what man-beasts know, oh, Simon.

Tote it like a donkey; tote it for the Lamb.  
Fully God, fully man, fully lamb,  
Jesus falls beneath the load.

Oh, poor Simon, on your back  
You carry the law's own death.  
Carry the trial; carry the verdict;  
You carry the law's own death.  
Tote it like a donkey; tote it for the Lamb.

### **Silence**

Luke 23:27-28

#### **V. Daughters of Jerusalem, Weep**

Daughters of Jerusalem, weep.

Weep not for me,  
But for yourselves and your children;  
Daughters of Jerusalem, weep.

Weep for yourselves,  
For the sources of your tears.  
Weep for your children,  
For their fate in coming years.

Daughters of Jerusalem, weep,  
Weep not for me,  
But for yourselves and your children,  
Daughters of Jerusalem, weep.

Weep for yourselves,  
Your destruction and disgrace.  
Weep for your children,  
From their fate you'll turn your face.

Sing your lament;  
Sing your sorrow and oppression.  
Sing your lament;  
Sing abuse and its frustration.

Daughters of Jerusalem, weep.  
I know your tears.  
Daughters of Jerusalem, weep.

### **Silence**

Luke 23:32-38

#### **VI. What Was That He Said**

Strip him of his clothes,  
Soon he will be dead.  
What was that, what was that,  
What was that he said?

Nailed upon the cross,  
He dies with the thieves.  
Roll the dice, roll the dice  
For the clothes he leaves.

Shame upon shame, the people stare.

Name upon name, the people sneer.  
Are you now a savior?  
What is that you say?  
Can he save himself  
If he's dressed that way?

Strip him of his clothes,  
Soon he will be dead.  
What was that, what was that,  
What was that he said?

“Father, forgive them,  
They know not what they do”

### **Silence**

Isaiah 53:10-12

### **VII. Only God Knows**

Only God knows  
The pain of nails in hands and feet.  
Only God knows  
The pain of bending neck and knees.  
Only God knows  
The pain of nails that will not cease.  
Only Gods knows;  
God the Parent, God the Child.

Only God knows  
This pain that's running wild.  
Only God knows  
The pain, the pain beyond the cries.  
Only God knows  
The pain through which I hear and see.  
Only God knows:  
God the Parent, God the Child.

Only God knows  
The pain of arms outstretched.  
Only God knows  
The pain in ev'ry, ev'ry breath.  
Only God knows  
This pain that's sacrament and prayer.  
Only God knows;

God the Parent, God the Child.  
**Silence**

Luke 23:44-46

### **VIII. This Mid-Day Night**

The Savior's grief, a healing sorrow;  
His night a womb for our tomorrow.  
His tears, his water, and his blood;  
This mid-day night, a womb for our tomorrow.

The Savior's death,  
The Parent's loss,  
The Spirit's leaving.  
How long this darkness, death, and grieving?  
The temple veil rips as for birth.  
He speaks his last  
in shouted, labored breathing.

The Savior's pain, a human shouting;  
The Savior's death, the Spirit parting.  
He cries our tears, he bleeds our blood;  
This mid-day night,  
The life in death concealing.

The Savior dies, a stillness creeping;  
A quiet darkness, save for weeping.  
No jeers, no insults, no more taunts;  
This mid-day night,  
No hope, no hope for dawn revealing.

### **Silence**

Luke 23:50-56

### **IX. No Crying He Makes**

Again, God's Son sleeps.  
Again, no crying he makes.  
Again, his body is wrapped against the cold.

Where are the shepherds?  
Where are the kings?  
Joseph, where are you?

Angels guard the door, but not one angel sings.  
Where is the hay for this cold room?  
Ev'ry manger knows a tomb, my Jesus,  
Ev'ry manger knows a tomb.

Gods does not slumber,  
But God's Son sleeps Death's cold dark sleep.  
God's Son sleeps.  
No crying he makes.  
His body is wrapped against the cold.

*Please leave in silence.*

*We thank the following people for enhancing our worship:*

Chancel Choir  
Jared Slothower, piano  
Cameron Rockwell, cello  
Lorelle Wandell, reader



Altar Flowers are given...

...in honor of Bethel Tunnell's 100th birthday by Stan & Joan Tunnell.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Allen & Kay Pang

**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team

**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk

**Van Driver:** Dan Boon

**All are welcome to join us for the following special events  
during Holy Week:**

Our last **Noon 30-minute Worship** in the Chapel for Lent is Wednesday, April 16.

For those with reservations, the **Seder Meal** in the Dining Room is Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m., where we learn what is the history of the Last Supper.

**Good Friday Walk for Justice** will leave Emmanuel Episcopal's parking lot at 9 am on April 18. The walk is free and open to those who wish to walk and pray for the city; we will pause at 14 stations/stops in the downtown area. It should take about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

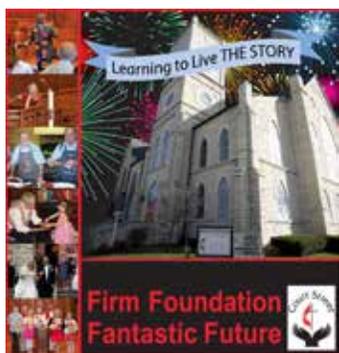
**Good Friday Worship**, a service of scripture and music, where we experience the deepening darkness as Jesus is crucified and dies for our sins so that we may live eternally with Him, is on April 18, at Noon, in the Chapel.

Linger awhile in the Chapel on Good Friday after the Noon worship to pray and meditate at the **Vigil** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come and go as you have time.

All Children from Pre-School to 5th Grade are welcome to attend our **Rock 'n Roll Easter Event** in the Dining Room on Saturday, April 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come for 2 hours of fun, games, snacks, crafts, and, of course, an Easter Egg Hunt! Free!

Start Easter out right by attending the **Sunrise Worship Service** on Easter morning in the Chapel at 6 a.m. as we "discover" that Christ has risen and brings light to our world!

Come to the **Easter Resurrection Celebration** in our Sanctuary at 10 a.m. with all of our choirs participating and leading us in praising God for His goodness to us.



**We welcome you, member or visitor**, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

**Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** Read the insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

**Calling all 5th - 12th graders! !** Today is “Diving Deep” from 11:30 am to 2 pm; no cost, lunch is provided. We will not meet Easter Sunday --BUT -- we ARE meeting this FRIDAY, at 8:30 a.m. to go on the Good Friday Walk, do the Easter Vigil, and a Lock-In. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch, dinner, & breakfast. We will be done by Noon on Saturday, April 19. Questions? See Ana.

**If you wish to donate baked goods to our Garden Bazaar Bake Sale**, be sure to pick up boxes today, or Sunday, April 27, or in the church office during the week. **Please drop off your contribution Thursday, May 1, in the morning at the church.**

**Deadline for submitting information for the May newsletter, The Chimes is Tues., April 15.**

**NO Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - April 16**  
*But -- there is Kid's Choir Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.*

*Holy COW will resume Wednesday, April 23*  
*“God's Gift of Life” Study with Rev. Miriam will continue*

**Young Adults** ~ Please join Ana for a Potluck and Planning Session on Saturday, April 26, starting at 6 pm in the Youth Lounge. Are you interested in having a young adult mission trip? How about a spiritual formation retreat? Have you thought about sports leagues, service projects, karaoke nights, or singles ministries? Bring an open mind, an empty stomach, and a side dish to pass.

**To all the new and seasoned volunteers of our Garden Bazaar...**We need people on Thursday, May 1, in the morning to help sort and organize pre-orders. On Friday, May 2, we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-3, and take down at 3 pm. On Saturday, May 3, we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1 pm. Please contact Perky (815-654-2956) or Karen (815-877-0045) if you can help. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our “Old Faithfuls!

**Court Street Scrip has a new Cash & Carry card, Backyard Grill & Bar.** Offering \$10.00 cards with 10% for CSUMC, they are available now. See Jan Marlow in the Narthex.

**Church Building is closed Monday, April 21, the day after Easter.**

**CSUMC Book Club** meets Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and discuss “Persuasion” by Jane Austin. We will meet at Lorna Wakefield's, 4347 Applewood Lane, Loves Park.

**Would you like to put your faith in to action by “Offering a Drink” to others as Pastor Cal encouraged us to do in his sermon?** If you have not participated in cooking and/or serving a meal at the Women and Children's Crisis Center this year, please sign up on the sheet next to the coffee in the Narthex. Please contact Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518 if you have questions.

# Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

## Today Palm/Passion Sunday

**04/13** 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center  
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
**11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
**11:30 Youth Group: Diving Deep**  
 11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library

**Mon 04/14** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 6:00 Worship Committee in the Library  
 6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205

## **Tue 04/15 Chimes Deadline**

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Quilters in Room 206  
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201  
 9:00 "Busy Bag Ladies" in Room 205  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205

**Wed 04/16** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**9:30 Deborah Circle meets at 1116 Winthrop Lane**  
 11:00 MAYA's House Easter Party in the Dining Room  
**12:00 pm Worship in the Chapel**  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 5:30 Kids' Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

## **Thu 04/17 Maundy Thursday**

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30 Seder Meal in the Dining Room**

## **Fri 04/18 Good Friday**

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
**12:00 pm Worship in the Chapel**  
**1:00 Vigil in the Chapel**

**Sat 04/19 1:00 pm Rock 'n Roll Easter Event in Dining Room**

**Sunday Easter Sunday**

**04/20 6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Chapel**

8:50 Sunday School in the Youth Center

9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209

**10:00 Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary**