

**April 9 - Palm Sunday**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Shelby Warwick
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighter	Shelby Warwick
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	Don Cavanaugh
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Drue Cavanaugh
Fellowship Refreshments	Drue Cavanaugh
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

**April 16 - Easter**

Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Jay Sohn & Julie McClatchey
Greeters	Olin & Jane Shane
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Kristin Warwick
Communion Prayer	
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey Dana Collins
Breakfast	
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
<b>Palm Sunday</b>			Centering Prayer <u>12-12:30 p.m.</u> Lenten Worship 5:30 p.m. <u>Meal - 6:30 p.m.</u> Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>Good Friday</b>	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephens Church	<b>Easter</b> Breakfast <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Worship <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Food Pantry Easter Offering
Adult SS 8:45 a.m.	Office Closed			Book Club 11:30 a.m.	7 Sacred Pauses 6 a.m.-6 p.m.		
Easter Offering							

**The Divine Dance: A Place at the Table  
Wednesday Service  
April 12**  
5:30 p.m. Worship and Study  
6:30 p.m. Meal and fellowship

**Easter Breakfast & Worship  
Sunday, April 16**  
We'll gather for fellowship and breakfast on Easter Sunday, so join us at 8:30 a.m. before Easter worship, which is at our normal time of 10:00 a.m.

Financial Notes  
April 2, 2017  
Total Deposit \$2,663.25

 Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

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april 9, 2017

We are spiritual seekers  
working to grow in our love of God,  
deepening our connection to each other and  
sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

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come journey together . . .

April 9 2017  
Palm Sunday  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

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**A WORD OF WELCOME**

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.  
If you have prayer requests you'd like lifted up in prayer, please write them on the insert provided on the back of the pew.

PRELUDE "Hosanna" Tuttle

\*OPENING HYMN #192 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Drue Cavanaugh

It is better to seek your shelter than to trust in people  
**It is better to seek your shelter than to trust in kings**  
Nations everywhere engulf me  
**But through your name I will surely cut them off**  
You are my strength and my song, My rescue  
**This is the day you have made**  
In it we will be glad and rejoice  
**And we pray: send us happiness**  
*Psalm 118, Opening to You, Norman Fischer*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Holy one may your presence here open our minds  
May your Spirit among us help us to find  
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace  
from the holy ground here in this place, here in this place.

. . . working to grow in our love of God . . .

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Hosanna" Courtney

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Matthew 21:1-11 pg. 23 Drue Cavanaugh

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

**MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER** *(Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)*

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD**

"A City In Turmoil"

Rev. Paul Witmer

**SUNG RESPONSE "Change My Heart, O God"**

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.  
You are the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.  
(Deacons may come to the table.)

. . . deepening our connection to each other . . .

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

Drue Cavanaugh

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)

As the Holy Spirit strengthens your church, may this, your blessed bread, which is now broken, bring life to us.

**May we be living signs of the charity we share with one another.**

May this, your holy cup, poured out for all, be our salvation.

**We pray that we who drink from the one cup may be faithful signs of your love.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "At the Cross" Hudson/arr Curry

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.*

. . . and sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #198 "Were You There"

\*POSTLUDE "Old Rugged Cross" arr Curry

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.*  
**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister**  
**Judith Henry, Music Director**