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God's Love Is Here for You March 25, 2021

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Dear friends,

How large the palm fronds seemed when I was a child, waving them in worship at my Lutheran Church in rural Damascus, Maryland. The addition of the palms would bring a festive mood to our service. I didn't know what it was all about, except that we were celebrating Jesus riding on a donkey into Jerusalem, and that, very soon, we would be celebrating Easter, the most joyous day of all.

While Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We will have Maundy Thursday worship with Communion at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary. Worship on Easter Sunday will begin at 10:30 a.m., but you will want to be there early as our seating will still be every other pew and members will be sharing special music during the gathering time.

Last year, when we closed the church during Lent, I felt broken. "Virtual worship" was a strange, new experience. I was grieving on Palm Sunday 2020—the year we recorded my message and even Communion using my phone on a tripod, with me seated at my dining room table. Worship doesn't feel the same if we are all not gathered together in one place.

A surprise was waiting for me on Palm Sunday afternoon, however. Grace Millspaugh brought a palm leaf and threaded it through our door knocker. That simple gesture touched my heart—that she would know that it wouldn't feel like Palm Sunday to me without a palm, a reminder of our faith and the day Christ was celebrated on his journey to the cross to set us free from our sins. He is our King of kings, a humble, servant king, like no earthly leader.

We will have palms for our in-person worship this year on Palm Sunday! We will wave them as we sing songs such as *Hosanna*, *Loud Hosanna* and *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. Ron Geese will play euphonium and Caroline Heading will play piano for our anthem, *The Palms*, that they were planning to play last year! Mark Wagner will play the remainder of our worship music on organ. Sarah and Andrew Swigert will serve as liturgists.

I look forward to continuing this Lenten journey with you and our Lord—all the way to the cross.

God bless you with joy and peace throughout this Holy Season.

Love, Pastor Karen

OUR 2021 CHURCH BOARDS

Session

Jim Arganbright
Debbie Clark
Loran Fry
Don Harrison

Caroline Heading
Sarah Swigert
Janice Sycks
Chris Yost

Deacons

Judy Addy
Pam Arganbright
Janet Ashman
Diane Chase

Cathy Evans
Ron Geese
Betty Harrison
Linda Hores

Glenn Kinkade
Matt Leppla
Carol Moore
Lew Terrell

Trustees

John Addy
Sally Bullens
Dave Custer
Jim Gill

Stewart Henderson
Jeff Sycks
Denny Walters

What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (3/25):	10 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship via Conference Call
	7 p.m.	<i>Having a Mary Spirit</i> book/video study via Zoom
Sunday (3/28):	10:30 a.m.	Worship in person for Palm Sunday
Monday (3/29):		Pastor's Sabbath
Wednesday (3/31)	1 p.m.	Presbytery Training: <i>Budgets in a Time of Uncertainty</i> via Zoom



Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-42



Happy Birthday to: Marialice Mauch (3/26); Kaden Poorman (3/29); Jayma Leavengood, Angie Taylor (3/30); Wilma Hunt (3/31)

Happy Anniversary to: Todd & Melissa Kilchenman (3/27); Dave & Jo Kaser (3/29)

In our hearts and prayers:

Wilma Hunt - Home

Velma Hoffman - Windsorwood Place, #34, 255 Brown's Lane

Jan Kobel - Windsorwood Place, #80

Donna Westfall - Home

Louise Mickelson - Home

Mary Timmons - 4588 Wesley Woods Blvd., Unit 106, New Albany, Ohio 43054

Nellie Walters - Altercare

Barb Wheeler - Home



Join Us for Prayer Fellowship:

Would you like to share your prayer requests with Prayer Fellowship?

Here are the instructions to join the group meeting by conference call Thursdays at 10 a.m.

1. Call 717-275-8940 (if busy, try again)
2. Enter the access code: 2225172 followed by #. Then, say your name and press #.

You will enter the conference call and your name will be announced.

Devotion and opening prayer begin right at 10:00.



EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, please complete this form and place it in the offering container with a check or cash, or drop it off or mail it to the church office. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 28. Flowers have been pre-ordered, so there will be a limited number of lilies, hyacinths, tulips and daffodils. Suggested contribution for each plant is \$8.00. Please mark how many of each you would like.

____ Tulip ____ Daffodil ____ Hyacinth ____ Lily

Name of donor(s): _____

Name of person(s) in HONOR or MEMORY (circle one) the plant is presented:

We would appreciate you taking your Easter flowers home following the Easter worship service. If plants are not picked up by April 11, they will be distributed to our homebound members and friends.



How to make a palm leaf cross:

1. Take a palm that is about 2 feet long and 1/2" wide (if it tapers at the top, this is good!). Hold the palm upright, so the tapered end points toward the ceiling.
2. Then bend the top end down and toward you so that the bend is about 5 or 6 inches from the bottom of the palm.
3. About a third of the way from the bend you just made, twist the section you've pulled down to the right, forming a right angle.
4. About an inch and a half away from the "stem" of the cross, bend this arm of the palm back behind the palm so that it is now facing to your left. Make the bend at a good length to form the right arm of the Cross.
5. Folding that same section at a point that equals the length on the right side, bend it on the left side and bring the end forward over what is now the front of the cross.
6. From the very center of the Cross, fold that arm up and to the upper right (in a "northeast" direction) so that it can wrap around where the upright post of the Cross and the right arm intersect.
7. Fold this down and to the left behind the Cross...
8.and then fold it toward the right so that it is parallel and under the transverse arms of the Cross.
9. Bring it up behind the Cross again, this time folding it up toward the "northwest" direction.
10. Tuck the tapered end into the transverse section you made in step 7...
11.and pull through.
12. Turn the Cross over; this side will be the front. Trim the tapered end if necessary.



The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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B S Y D E J E S U S M H U L S
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