

The liturgical color is purple for Palm Sunday



## PRELUDE

"Toccata in C Major"  
Amy Bender, organist

J. Pachelbel

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?

**C: Will you lay down something important?**

L: Will you shout "Hosanna"? Will you join the parade?

**C: Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?**

L: Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air?

**C: Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?**

L: Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**C: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.**

L: We will worship. We will follow.

**C: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

UMH 280

*Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you. **We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. What good, good news. Amen!**

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-6 NIV, p. 717

## SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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.**

## MENTOR IN MINISTRY

## SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass on.*

## OFFERTORY

"Gabriel's Oboe"  
Jeff Kish, Oboe

Morricone

### \*DOXOLOGY #95

**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 DEDICATION

### \*HYMN OF CENTERING

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH 278

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:7-11 NIV, p. 717

Lenten Cantata

## ***At the Ninth Hour***

Words by Tom S Long, Music by Allen Pote

Liese and Ken Vito, narrators

Hosanna

Peter's Denial

*Laurie Babcock, Dave Sechnick, soloists*

Before the Passover

If You Are My Lord

*Ruth Aplin, soloist*

One Cup, One Bread

Jesus Before Pilate

In the Garden of Gethsemane

*Willie Dycks, soloist*

You Love Me

*Karen Nemelka, Larry Fram, duet*

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Please refrain from applause*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE**

"Recessional"

F. W. Asper

Altar Flowers are presented Anonymously  
In Appreciation of the Choirs, Musicians, and Amy Bender  
  
*To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

***The Orchestra***


- Judy Elias, flute
- Jeff Kish, oboe
- Greg Hillis, french horn
- Maria Vinas, violin
- Matt Gittins, violin
- Cristian Diaz, viola
- McKinley Glasser, cello
- Matt Yoke, double bass
- Darin Petrowski, percussion
- Bonnie Budziak, piano



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# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | March 29, 2026



*Palm Sunday Was a Protest*  
Rev. Nicolette Falson  
Inspired by Mark 11:1-11  
12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas  
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# HOLY WEEK



## **April's Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon**

Don't miss the next 4B luncheon! Mentor United Women in Faith invites you to join us for chicken tortilla soup, cornbread, salad, and dulce de leche brownies. Guest speaker Becky O'Donnell, President of Guatemala Family Development, will share with us some ways they are involved in the health, well-being, and education of Mayan children and families in rural Guatemalan communities, including the upcoming medical mission trip which the Langdons will be a part of. We hope you will join us Wednesday, April 8th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! All are welcome. Please RSVP to [uwfementorumc.org](mailto:uwfementorumc.org) or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

## **CWC Luncheon**

Join us at Pine Ridge CC for the next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon on Tuesday, April 21st. The afternoon will feature Billy Herron from BretecGarden Centers and Laura Loveberry with a talk. Cost is \$28 at the door. RSVP by April 16th to 440.488.4351 or send an email to: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com)

## **Open Table**

Join us on April 9th for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month's theme will be a preview for this 2026 Vacation Bible School hosted by the Children & Family Ministry team! RSVP online, in the Info Hub, or just show up.

## **Fair Play Project**

Theatre Enthusiasts in high school or college are encouraged to participate in this year's Fair Play project. Rehearsals will be 3:00-4:30 PM at MUMC on May 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, and 21. The performance will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM. To get involved, reach out to Pastor Tammy or register online.

## **Project Hope Golf Outing**

Join Project Hope for a Golf Outing on Monday, May 18th at Little Mountain Country Club. Learn more and register online here.

## **Scholarship 2026**

Students are invited to fill out the MUMC Scholarship form by Wednesday, April 8th, 2 PM. This opportunity is for any high school or higher education student who has been a member here for at least ONE year. We'll celebrate our recipients and grads on Sunday, May 24th (please fill out the grad form to help us celebrate you!)

## **Young Adult Group**

This Spring, Young Adults will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM, April 14th-May 26th, to read and discuss Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the *Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison* year-long event.

## **EASTER OFFERING**

This year's Easter Offering is designated for UMCOR, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Missions.

## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM

In the Gallery (includes a Seder Meal)

## **Good Friday**

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM

In the Sanctuary

## **EGGstravaganza**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

Around the Church

*With games, crafts, and Easter Bunny*

## **You've Been Egged!**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Start at church then carpool

*Make baskets for friends*

## **Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM

At Fairport Harbor Beach (dress warm)

*With other local United Methodist Churches*

## **Easter Sunday**

Church Services

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM

*PLUS it is Communion & Pancake Sunday!*

# MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH



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Weekly Update

## The BIG Event TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Youth Service Project fundraiser dinner, The BIG Event on Sunday, April 12th. Visit the Info Hub after service to get your ticket. Each year, the YSP students host an exciting night with auctions and entertainment. Get a head start on supporting this ministry by purchasing a "stock" or grabbing a raffle basket donation form. Learn more about both in the Info Hub or online.

## Book Club

Join us for Book Club on Monday, March 30th at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time.

## Chair Yoga

Join us from 1-2 PM on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for a special session of Chair Yoga. Cost is \$10. No materials or training necessary. This is meant to be a meditative time that ALL can participate in. Register online or in the Info Hub.

## Hiking Group

The next session of the Hiking Journey Group will start on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 AM at North Chagrin Reservation, with the study book *I Have Loved You: on love for the poor* by Pope Leo. This book is available at Cokesbury.com for \$14.29.

## StrengthsFinder

A NEW session of StrengthsFinder will be April 19th through May 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Chuck Tackett will be facilitating. Sign up online or get in touch with the church office.

## Change the World Day

Join us for Change the World Day on Saturday, April 25th, from 9 AM to 2 PM as we partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for children in our community. Sign up online or in the Info Hub to help.

## Rummage Sale

Save the date for this year's Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will collect donations the week leading up to the sale ONLY. The volunteer signup and donation list are available online and in the Info Hub.

## Woodlawn Easter Party

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the UWF will be sponsoring an "In the Spirit of Easter Party" at the Woodlawn Homes Community Center in Painesville. Children's party from 12:30 to 2:30 PM includes crafts, games, prizes, and food. Volunteers are needed! Call Carol Ryan at 440.488.0541 or email her at [workingwithwoodlawncarol70@gmail.com](mailto:workingwithwoodlawncarol70@gmail.com)

## Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Enclave: Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak

Parker Place: Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Symphony of Mentor: Lorraine Ahlstrom

Governor's Pointe: Bob Williams

Salida Woods: June Van Ostrand

## In need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Norma Ickes, Jo Brown

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## UPCOMING

AT MENTOR UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday, March 29

- 9, 9:15, & 11 AM Worship (Lent Cantata at 11)
- 10:30 AM Communion
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- Gaming Group, 4 PM

### Monday, March 30

- Parents Morning Out
- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Book Club, 6 PM

### Tuesday, March 31

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Food Distribution
- Young Adult Group

### Wednesday, April 1

- Knitting Group
- SPRC Meeting
- Charter Members Rehearsal
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 2

- Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM

### Friday, April 3

- Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 PM

### Saturday, April 4

- Modern Worship Practice
- EGGstravaganza  
Community Egg Hunt, 10 AM
- You've Been Egged! Youth Event, 6 PM