

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (HOME EDITION)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2020

Hosanna, Christ Enters Our Lives!

Morning Call to Worship:

With palm branches and joy, we shout:

“Hosanna to Christ our Lord!”

With blessings and songs we come:

To worship and to praise.

With humility and love,

Christ comes to meet us now.

Hymn of Praise.....“This Is the Day”.....#657

*If you would like a Hymnal for personal worship, please call the church office.

Prayer of Confession:

God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions, than admit to ourselves that we too could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In you loving name, we pray. Amen.

- (please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence) -

Assurance of Pardon:

God has opened the gates of righteousness, and the righteous enter through it. The one who is our cornerstone, the stone the builders rejected, has become our salvation. God offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace in Christ's name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved, forgiven, and filled with God's grace!

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Psalter.....Psalm 118:1-2,19-29.....#839-40

A Prayer for Healing and Protection:

(also please be in active prayer for those named on the back of the bulletin)

Lord, we admit that we are anxious and afraid. The spread of the coronavirus is happening rapidly and throughout the world. We don't know what will happen next or how we will be impacted. We want to cling to control or somehow prepare more fully, yet we know that You are ultimately in control of our lives. Lord, we praise You in the midst of this storm of life and worship You as king and ruler over all. We pray for healing for those who are sick. Help them recover fully. We pray for those who have lost loved ones into death. Bring comfort and peace that only You can provide. We pray for protection. We come to Your throne of grace asking for You to stop the spread of this virus. We ask that our family, loved ones, and communities be protected and not become sick. We pray for medical providers. Give them wisdom to know the best course of action to take. We pray for those in roles of service. Give them strength to

complete their tasks. We pray for leaders, government officials, and those in authority that they would have the knowledge and desire to make decisions in the best interests of the people they serve. We pray for those in the media, that they would give us the information we need without creating fear or panic. Lord, You are in control of all things and we place our lives into Your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

Hear God's Words That Strengthen Us

Prayer for Illumination: **Holy One, as we enter ourselves in worship: help us recognize your presence in our midst; help us hear your wisdom in the words of scripture and the message; help us know your ways and remain faithful on this day, and in the days to come. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson.....Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon.....“Hosanna!”

Journey to the Cross Together

*Hymn of Assurance.....“Nothing But the Blood”.....#362

*Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles' Creed”.....#881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering – Please mail or drop off all tithes and offerings to the Bethel church address. Also, please consider giving a donation to UMCOR today.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Holy God, You sent Your Son into the world, that we might set our minds on life and peace, rather than on earthly things. Receive these offerings, that they may go forth to continue the work of Christ, who brings fullness of life. Bless them and multiply them to relieve the suffering of Your people, to train and equip UMCOR staff and volunteers, to create wholeness instead of brokenness. May these gifts be a source of light in a world that has learned to love the darkness. Amen.

Go With God and Walk With Christ

*Hymn of Joy.....“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”.....#278

Benediction: In the hours and days and week ahead, Christ goes with us, leading the way. Let us journey together to the cross. Let us say, “Where Christ leads, we will follow.”

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **All services and gatherings are postponed** until further notice. However, this Holy Week there will be activities available around the church to help make this important Easter season a special time for praise and reflection for all.
- ❖ **If you have internet access**, please take a look at our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BethelUMCWinnboro/>) and circuit website (www.fairfieldcircuitumc.org) for updates including upcoming worship services, devotions like the one included with this home edition bulletin and sermon.
- ❖ **If you do not have internet access**, everything will be made available for pick-up at Bethel's church entrance or for delivery. If you would like to have the materials delivered please call the church office at **803-635-4157**.
- ❖ **All tithes and offerings may be mailed or dropped off** at the Bethel church address. Please consider giving a donation to UMCOR today. UMCOR focuses on disaster preparedness, recovery and response as well as relocation and sustainable development. Your offering ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis so that 100% of gifts to UMCOR help those who need it most.
- ❖ All Holy Week Worship Services at First UMC have been cancelled.

Lectionary Readings for (Easter Sunday):

Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church & Monticello UMC is to make each and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it is revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Carol & Ray Ball, Elen Bradley, Mack Bradley, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, the Cassellas Family, Darlene Coker, Robert Davis, Noelani Dirnbauer, Nita Goff, Lenny Goldman, Lindsey Gunter & the Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, Jenny and Quinn Kaderly, Kevin Knight, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Sharon Marler, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Eddie & Sybil Robinson, Carole Sinkbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Calvin Stanley, Peggy Steller

Bethel UMC- Loen Arrington, Joan Baber, Bob Bazinet, Lucas Bech & the Bech family, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, Donovan Cassellas & the Cassellas family, Majorie Cook, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove, Cathy Estes, William Hobgood, Wesley Jones, Stephen Keller, Lila Lake, Paul Leitner, Frank Martin, Jackie McDaniel, Debra Obert, Sherrill Perry, Joan and Martin Phipps & the Phipps family, Greg Robertson, Pastor Terry Roof & The Roof Family, Brooks Smith, Anne Stewart, Ford Sweeney, Toby Warpole, unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

OFFICE HOURS: M, T, & TH (9a-5p) W (9a-12p) | VISITATION HOURS: W (1-5p)

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