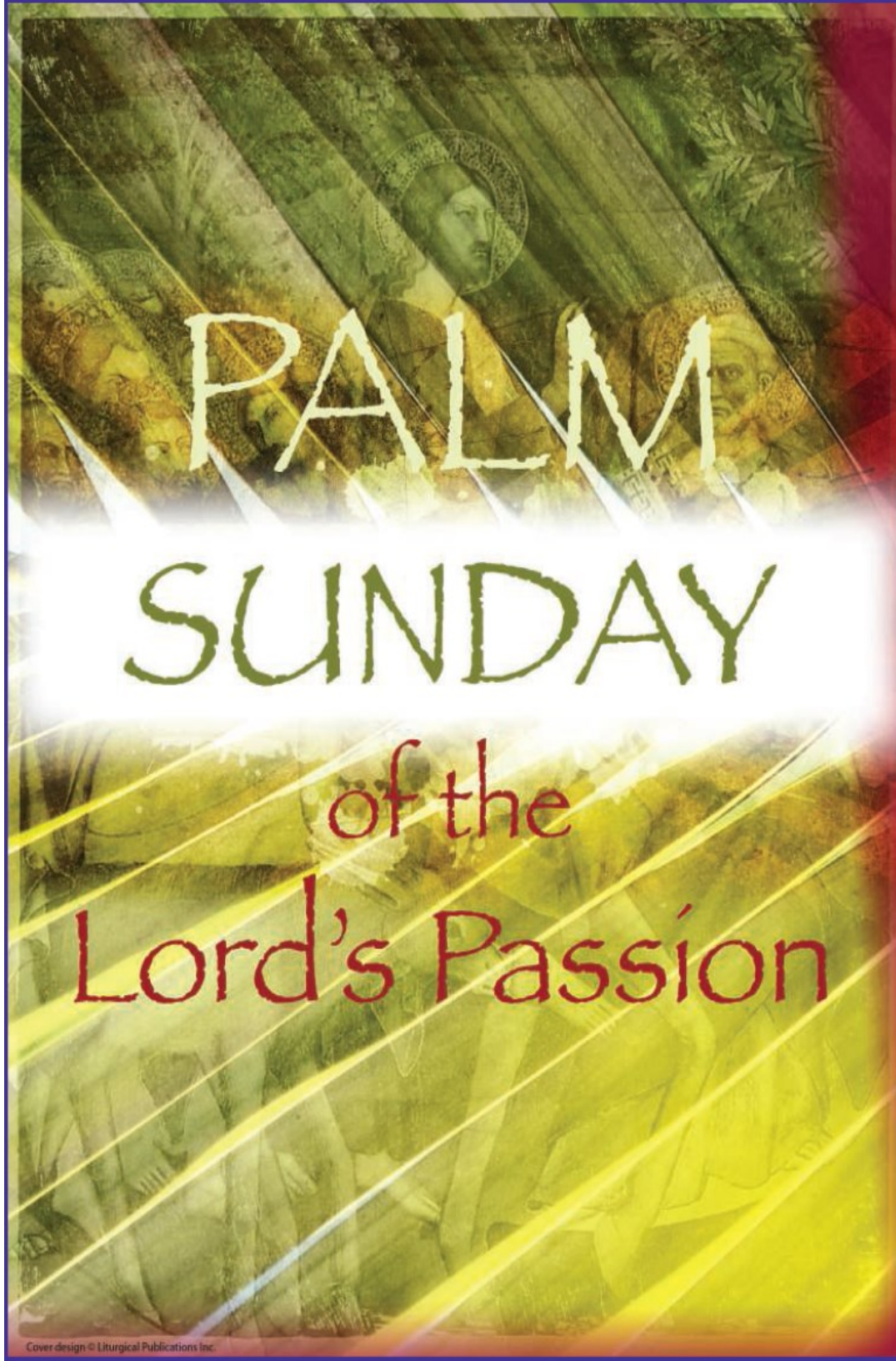


Palm / Passion
Sunday
APRIL 5
2020
10:30 am

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POOLESVILLE, MD



A special welcome to our guests. Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here!
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.
Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available in Room 5.

** Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; TFWs=The Faith We Sing.*

WELCOME

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Triumphal Entry

by Joel Raney

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through the m and give thanks to the Lord.

People: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes!**

All : **This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

* OPENING PRAYER

Victorious and Merciful Savior: As we celebrate your willingness to enter the gates of Jerusalem one last fateful time, we are in awe of your courage to do so at your peril. You faced death that you might give life. As we face the evils of our own day, give us strength of faith and depth of Spirit, that we might boldly proclaim in the face of evil, "The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Amen.

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sandy Dowell

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 21::1-11

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them

immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION/MESSAGE

Expectations

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord or Palm Sunday is the commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that takes place about a week before his Resurrection (Easter)

Jesus entered Jerusalem in a **DONKEY**, which according to the Eastern tradition is an animal of peace. This reminds us that Jesus is the *Prince of Peace*, not a war-waging king.



Traditionally, before the beginning of Lent the following year, the palms are collected, burned to a fine ash. The ashes are blessed and used for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.



Why do we wave palms?

According to the Gospels, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, crowds greeted him by waving palms and covering his path with small branches of trees

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!

JOHN 12:13



- Sun., Apr 5 - **JOHN 17:13-26** *A Beautiful Blessing*
- Mon., Apr 6 - **PSALM 34:1-8** *Comfort and Hope*
- Tue., Apr 7 - **REVELATIONS 22:1-5** *Not Much Fun?*
- Wed., Apr 8 - **1 PETER 2:18-24** *The Best Example*
- Thu., Apr 9 - **2 PETER 3:1-9** *Patient With Us*
- Fri., Apr 10 - **LUKE 18:15-17** *Remember Me*
- Sat., Apr 11 - **MATTHEW 28:1-10** *The Hope of Easter*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Church Giving

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING
(the last 8 weeks)
\$4,327.75

WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS
\$5,770.00

Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

To schedule, please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are sent to their email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

People in need of immediate pastoral care, please contact Pastor Tim at PastorTim@PMUMC.org

Church Personnel

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

CHURCH COORDINATOR
Shirley Prasada-Rao

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

HEAD ACOLYTE - Emma Parker

CUSTODIAN - Pecoe Fleming

Upcoming **VIRTUAL** Happenings

The Church Building might be closed through at least April 26th, but Memorial UMC is **BEING** the Church by connecting virtually.

If you need to reach the church office, please leave a message at 301-349-2010 or send an email to office@pmumc.org

All of Memorial's Holy Week services will be available online.

Please go to our website at www.PMUMC.org for instructions or visit www.YouTube.com and search "Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church"

If you would like to participate in one of the small groups:

- Adult Sunday School
- One "Zoom" Classroom for Youth Sunday School
 - Review/Preview with Pastor Tim
 - Men's Group
 - Youth Group
- Church Council Meeting

Please check your email for instructions on how to call-in or how to log-in to the specific group. The emails with the instructions typically go out a day or so in advance of the event.

SUN - APR 5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:15ish - 10:15ish am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School One-Zoom Sunday School for Children/Youth Worship Service
TUE - APR 7	7 - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Men's Group
THU - APR 9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7 - 8 pm	Holy Thursday Communion Service
FRI - APR 10 <i>Good Friday</i>	7 - 8 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
SUN - APR 12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School One-Zoom Sunday School for Children/Youth Worship Service
TUE - APR 14	7 - 8 pm	Church Council Meeting
THU - APR 16	7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim
SUN - APR 5 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	9:15ish - 10:15ish am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School One-Zoom Sunday School for Children/Youth Worship Service

Announcements

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES are available for free at <https://www.childrensbulletins.com/covid19-childrens-activities-for-churches>

WUMCO is experiencing a very high volume for food assistance and they are waiving all financial requirements. However, they are encouraging neighbors and extended families to care for folks who aren't able to get to the store BEFORE they call WUMCO.

If you are able to donate, items can be dropped off at WUMCO office (back of Baptist Church from 9am-12pm, M-F - before you drop off, please call 301-972-8481, x2 to make sure someone is there) or at the WUMCO Collection Box at Drs. Pike & Valega (24/7, 19601 Fisher Ave.).

If you would like to donate but would prefer not to deliver your donation, email Memorial at office@PMUMC.org for a volunteer to pick up donations from your door step.

SSL Hours Opportunity for Youth to collect items for WUMCO from Dr. Pike & Valega's and deliver to WUMCO at the Baptist Church. Contact Ellen Onderko. ellenbeth@verizon.net

Memorial UMC Spirit Wear - Kirsten Lewis is collecting pre-orders for t-shirts and sweatshirts. Short sleeve T-shirts available from Youth S-Adult 5XL. Long sleeve sweatshirts available in Adult S-5XL. Once enough pre-orders are received the order will be placed and money collected. Please reach out to Kirsten with any questions at kir05@hotmail.com.

UMCOR Collection will take place upon returning to our regular worship. If you would like to help out now, please go to www.umcmission.org/umcor to send financial help electronically

Tithes - If you are looking for ways to continue your faithful tithing, here are three options:
 •MAIL it to Memorial's PO Box. •DROP IT OFF in secured mailbox located to the left of Memorial's main entrance. •ELECTRONICALLY give (visit www.PMUMC.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the red "MAKE A DONATION" button.
 If you have questions, please contact Brenda Boulter at brenda.boulter@verizon.net or contact the office at 301-349-2010 or office@pmumc.org

Locally Safe Grocery Shopping - an alternate way to grocery shop is being created with a local food distributor providing local pick-up of items ordered online.

Memorial's parking lot will be the distribution site.

The final details are being worked out with the distributor and will be available on the Community Facebook page when final. We expect this temporary program to commence this week.

If you need anything,
 please email the church office and we will do our best to help you!