

The Order for Morning Worship

Palm and Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 AM



Entry into the City (1990)

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Palm Sunday is the day on which Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem on a donkey, as part of his journey to the cross. The crowd welcomed Jesus by waving palms, celebrating his arrival. King David's heir Solomon rode on a donkey on the way to be anointed King. The prophet Zechariah foretells that a future King like Solomon would come into Jerusalem on a donkey, as well. In our service, we also anticipate the events of the week, especially the passion of the Lord. Coming from the Latin word meaning "to suffer," passion refers to the suffering and death of Jesus.

Reflecting on this day, theologians Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan write, "Two processions entered Jerusalem on a spring day in the year 30...One was a peasant procession, the other an imperial procession. From the east, Jesus rode a donkey down the Mount of Olives, cheered by his followers. Jesus was from the peasant village of Nazareth, his message was about the kingdom of God, and his followers came from the peasant class... On the opposite side of the city, from the west, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Idumea, Judea, and Samaria, entered Jerusalem at the head of a column of imperial cavalry and soldiers. Jesus's procession proclaimed the kingdom of God; Pilate's proclaimed the power of empire. The two processions embody the central conflict of the week that led to Jesus's crucifixion." (*The Last Week*)

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Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service*

There is no children's church or nursery today so that families may worship together

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Voluntary

"Fanfare"

William Mathias

Welcome and Worship Notes

*Litany for the Palms

Leader: Hosanna, blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: When Jesus and his disciples
were approaching Jerusalem, *Mark 11:1-6*
at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples and said to them,
"Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately as you enter it,
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;
untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you,
People: **'Why are you doing this?'**

Leader: just say this, "The Lord needs it
and will send it back here immediately."
They went away and found a colt tied near a door,
outside in the street.

As they were untying it,
some of the bystanders said to them,
People: **"What are you doing, untying the colt?"**

Leader: They told them what Jesus had said;
and they allowed them to take it.

Hosanna, blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Then they brought the colt to Jesus
and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. *Mk. 11:7-11*
Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
that they had cut in the fields.
Then those who went ahead
and those who followed were shouting,

People: **"Hosanna! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!"** *litany continues...*

Welcome & Worship Notes

"Worship begins as the people gather—greeting one another, praying in silence, sharing announcements, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world." (BCW) As we gather, we are intentional with what we do and how we do it, understanding each element to have purpose and meaning.

Litany

A series of petitions for use in church services, usually recited by the clergy and responded to by the people.

Hosanna

This liturgical word comes from the Hebrew of Psalm 118:25 "Save us, O LORD!" In the Gospels (which are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), this word seems to take on another meaning of jubilation and celebration, which is shouted by the crowd at Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem.

King David

David was the most highly respected and regarded king of ancient Israel and Judah. He made Jerusalem the capital city and is an ancestor of Jesus.

**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!"**

Leader: Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;
and when he had looked around at everything, as it
was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Hosanna, blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Music in Worship

"For millennia the people of God have sung psalms, hymns, canticles, and spiritual songs...We draw from this rich repertoire in the Service for the Lord's Day, singing glory to God." (BCW)

*Hymn 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL
ICH DIR GEBEN



Refrain All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King, to
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou
2. Thou peo - ple of the He - brews with
3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac -
Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in the Lord's name
palms be - fore thee went; our praise and prayers and
sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high ex -
cept the prayers we bring, who in all good de -
com - est, the King and bless - ed One
an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
light - est, thou good and gra - cious King! Refrain

Prayer of the Day

"The opening prayer serves to give thanks and praise to God, to express joy in the presence of Christ, and to call for the gifts of the Spirit to be poured out upon the gathered community. This prayer may employ themes and images that are drawn from the biblical readings for the day or from the setting in the Christian year." (BCW)

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people
and the ways of our world
in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love.
Show us again the image of humility you desire for us,
and teach us obedience,
so that self-emptying may be our pathway,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty,
confessing our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying,
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,
we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.
We have looked to you for paltry favors,
when you have given everything.
We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,
and from your creation, our Earth,
the care and tending they deserve.
We have rejected the cornerstone you sent
to build a people of righteousness even here, today.
Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken,
nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision,
so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Confession and Pardon

"Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition...A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name." (BCW)

Kyrie: Hymn 575 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" KYRIE ELEISON



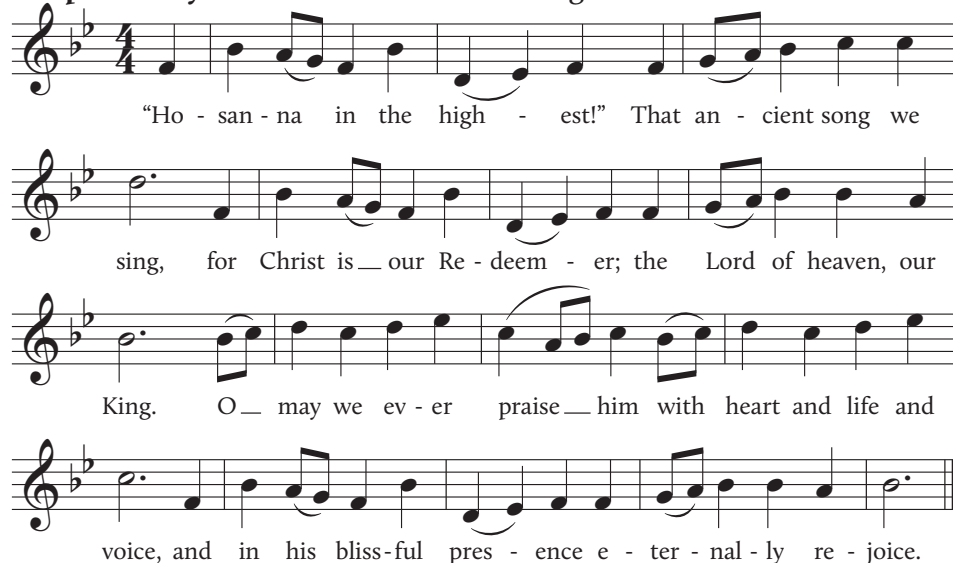
*Assurance of Pardon

Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave,
to free you from the weight of sin and death.
Jesus' obedient suffering has released you.
Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond
what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Response: Hymn 197 "Hosanna in the Highest" ELLACOMBE



Message for Children

We are sensitive to the varied needs of our children. Clipboards with activities that align with today's worship are available on the table near the pulpit side entry to the sanctuary. The message for children is a special time in our service where children are invited forward to hear a distinct message for them as they grow and develop in their faith. After the message, children may return to their seats to worship with their families.

Prayer for Illumination

"A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word." (BCW)

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Prayer for Illumination

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may enter into the coming Holy Week
with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Phil. 2:5

A Reading from the Epistles

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible p. 954

Large Print Bible pp. 240-41

*Hymn 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG



1. When I sur - vey the___ won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that___ I should boast,
3. See, from his head, his___ hands, his___ feet,
4. Were the whole realm of___ na - ture___ mine,



on which the Prince of___ glo - ry___ died,
save in the death of___ Christ my___ God;
sor - row and love flow___ min - gled___ down;
that were a pres - ent___ far too___ small;



my rich - est gain I___ count but___ loss,
all the vain things that___ charm me___ most,
did e'er such love and___ sor - row___ meet,
love so a - maz - ing,___ so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my___ pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his___ blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a___ crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my___ all.

A Reading from the Gospels

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 27:15-54

Pew Bible pp. 810-11

Large Print Bible pp. 39-40

Sermon

"From Cheers to Jeers" Rev. Michael Wallace

Sermon

"A sermon, based on the scripture read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord and presents the gift and calling of the gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds." (BCW)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed, p. 34

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

This summary of faith was developed and finalized in the fourth century church and is universally affirmed by Christians across the world. Nicaea was the city where it was developed, which was part of Ancient Greece. As a congregation, we stand in body or in spirit and respond to the word read and proclaimed by declaring how we trust in God's promises.

Catholic

The word catholic just means "universal" and does not mean that we are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

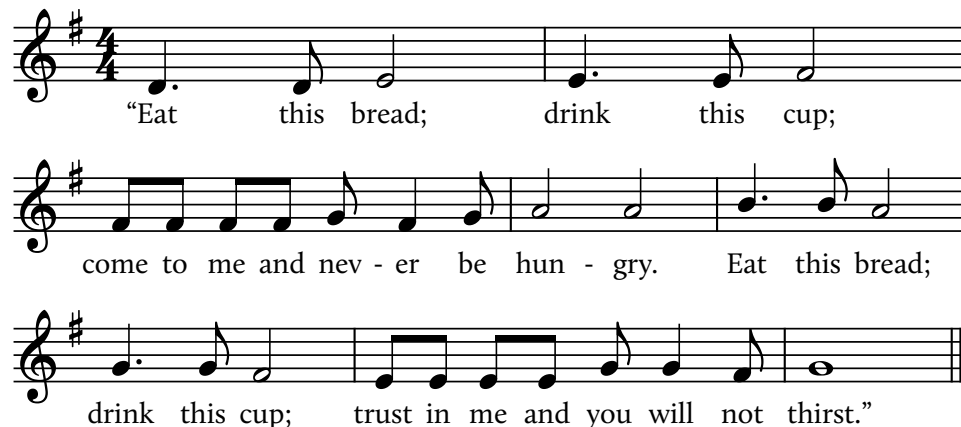
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Hymn 527

"Eat This Bread"

BERTHIER



"Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."

Communion

"The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord...On the night before his death, Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples. He spoke of the bread and wine as his body and blood, signs of the new covenant, and told the disciples to remember him by keeping this feast...When we gather at the Lord's Supper, the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God...The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." (BCW)

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

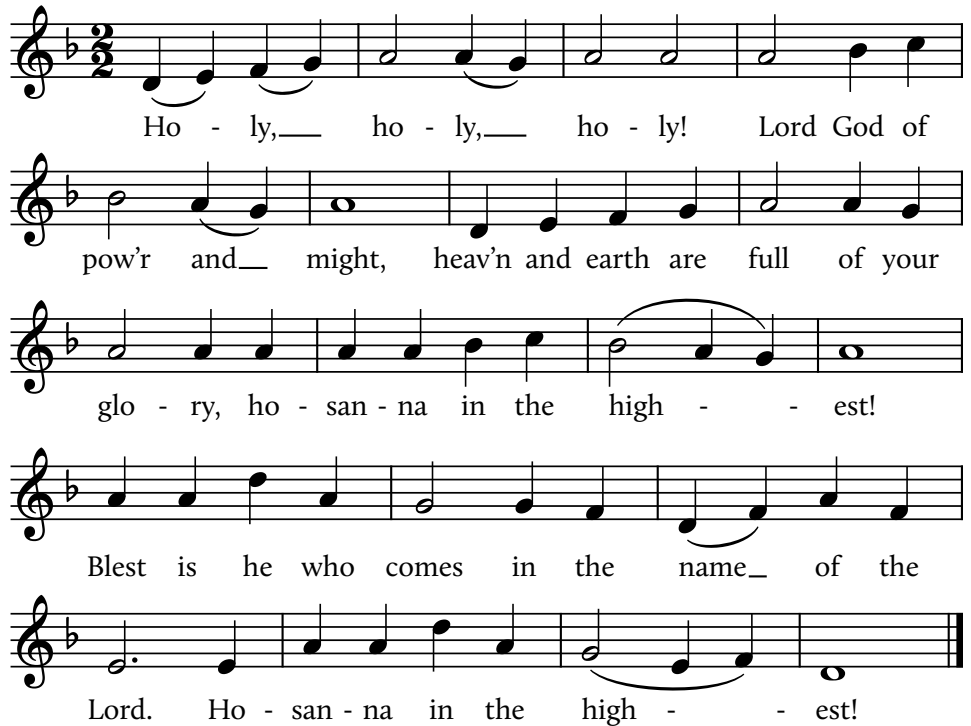
Leader: It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God...
...singing the song of your unending praise:

Sanctus

For many centuries, the church used Latin as the primary language of worship. Sanctus is Latin for "holy," and this makes reference to the books of Ezekiel and Revelation, in which various beings are praising God with the thrice holy.

Sanctus:

PICARDY



Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly! Lord God of
pow'r and — might, heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - - est!
Blest is he who comes in the name — of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est!

Receiving Communion

You are invited to come forward by the central aisle, to take the bread and dip it into the juice. For persons having difficulty handling the communion elements, a small cup containing both the gluten free bread and grape juice is offered by the communion servers. **As always the bread is free of gluten, nuts, dairy, and preservatives, and the cup contains unfermented grape juice.**

The communion servers will say something to you like, "The body of Christ broken for you" or "The cup of salvation for you." You may choose to respond (or not) with something like, "Thanks be to God," "Glory to you, Lord Christ," or some other acclamation of praise.

Prayers of the People

In response to the word, we pray for the world God so loves—joining Christ's own ministry of intercession and the sighs of the Spirit, too deep for words. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ's royal priesthood. We affirm our participation in the prayer through our "amen" and other responses. (BCW)

Leader: Hosanna is our cry, Blessed one...
...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Leader: Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status...
...ever one God, in all ages and forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

Music During Communion

"Fraction Anthem"

A. Fedak

"Adagietto"

Gerald Near

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of mercy,

People: **hear our 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.
Forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Kyrie Eleison"

Louis Vierne

Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy*
Christe eleison *Christ, have mercy*
Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy*

Offering

"As those who have been claimed and set free by God's grace, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods. Every service of worship shall include an opportunity to respond to Christ's call to discipleship through self-offering. The gifts we offer express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for the needs of the poor... All these gifts are received with a prayer of dedication to God." (BCW)

*Doxology

PICARDY

Praise and hon - or to the___ Fath - er,
praise and hon - or to the___ Son,
praise and hon - or to the___ Spir - it,
ev - er Three and ev - er___ One:
one in might and one in glo - - ry,
while e - ter - nal a - ges___ run.

Doxology

"Doxology comes from the Greek words meaning 'glory' and 'word,' and is often a short hymn of praise to God."

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

God of all good gifts,
we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.
May these gifts lead to great feasting
for those who have no banquets set before them.
May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer
for those who are homeless.
May these gifts proclaim your desire
that all your creation live in peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God,
in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PREPARING FOR THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Being Christ's Church

This is the time when we announce events and ways that the community can gather for fellowship, worship, or service in the coming days and weeks.

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

*Hymn 209

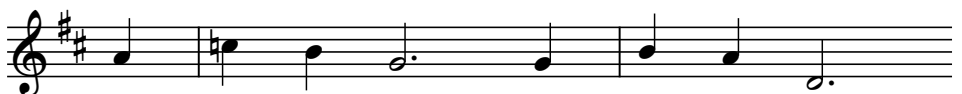
"My Song Is Love Unknown" LOVE UNKNOWN



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2. He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3. Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing,
4. Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a - way,
5. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine:



love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.
the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to — our King.
a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life — to slay.
nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine.



O who am I that for my sake
But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed,
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath,
Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes,
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
who at my need his life did spend!
and for his death we thirst and cry.
that he his foes from thence might free.
I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Closing Poem

This time

there will be no flight into Egypt.

This donkey has too much to carry,
too far.

The shadows wait for me:

around the table at Passover,
among those in high places,
in the condemned cell,
on the hill outside.

Fear haunts my waking moments
and I cannot sleep.

Why has God forsaken me?

The crowd today is with me,
but not for long.

They are the powerless ones
(the ones who matter).

The ones who count
are counting.

Time is running out.

This time
there will be no flight into Egypt.

Josie Smith

"Flight into Egypt" alludes to the story of Jesus' birth in Matthew 2 and how, following his birth, Jesus and his parents had to flee to Egypt. King Herod had wanted to kill children born in Bethlehem to squash any potential royal rivals.

*Benediction Response

"What Wondrous Love" WONDROUS LOVE

Voluntary

"Elegy" G.T. Thalben-Bell

Benediction

"The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God... We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world." (BCW)

We invite the congregation to remain standing following the benediction and to join the choir in the benediction response if you wish, then to listen quietly while Youth Resound concludes the worship service.



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Activities for the Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday, March 29 ✧ Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Youth Group

Monday

- 7:00 AM Trip to Cincinnati Museum Center departs

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor)
- 11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Westminster Hall)
- 12:30 PM Holy Huddle for Staff (Parlor)

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Online)
- 1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Camp Wakonda Board Meeting (Online)
- 8:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study (Online)

Thursday ✧ Maundy Thursday

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
- 1:30 PM Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Meal and Worship (Westminster Hall and Sanctuary)

Friday ✧ Good Friday

- 6:00 PM Good Friday Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday ✧ Holy Saturday

- 7:00 PM Holy Saturday Vigil (Online)

Sunday, April 5 ✧ Easter Sunday

- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)