

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Holy City" Stephen Adams

WORDS OF WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We invite all members and guests to provide your name, address, and telephone number on the attendance pads that are at the end of each pew.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to God,

P: Whose steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give praise to the one who comes in God's name.

P: We wave our palms in praise and celebration.

L: This is the day that our God has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad. Hosanna!

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymnal #278

OPENING PRAYER

God of steadfast love, we wave our palms as the followers of Jesus did long ago, for we, too, long for deliverance. We join the procession with a passionate hope, yet we follow at some distance not knowing what that deliverance may require of us. As we worship this day, give us courage to walk the road to Jerusalem with Jesus, to face both the known and the unknown with faith in him who has gone before us to meet crisis and cross for our sake, giving thanks together for the faith you have nurtured within us, that whatever we may face in this world, we do not face it alone. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (11:00)

FIRST READING Mark 11:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30) "Ride On, Ride On Majesty" by Henry Milman
Men's Quartet

ANTHEM(11:00) "A New Hosanna" John Purifoy
Chancel Choir

THE 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE: Guidelines and application forms for FCUM's Educational Assistance are available in the community center, narthex and church office. This year assistance will be offered to graduating high school seniors who are contemplating entering a college or technical school in the fall of 2015 as well as to upper classmen currently enrolled in college. These forms must be completed and returned to the church office by April 15, 2015 deadline.

DID YOU KNOW? That Pastor Brad sends out a Weekly Community e-mail? If you would like to receive it, send a note to bgolson@aol.com.



CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Monday, March 30th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts	15 C
Tuesday, March 31st	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Last Supper Drama Practice	Parlor
Wednesday, April 1st	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Youth Baking	Kitchen
	10:00 am	Deadline for 4-5-15 bulletin	
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary, Nursery
Thursday, April 2nd	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Thursday Bible Study	Parlor
	12:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Baking	Kitchen
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday/Last Supper Drama	FCC
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday – church closing at noon		
Saturday, April 4th	7:00 am	Easter Breakfast Prep	Kitchen

EASTER SUNDAY: 6:30 Sunrise Service
7:30 Breakfast until 10:45
8:30 Early Service
10:30 Egg Hunt
11:00 Traditional & spirit.fire Worship

Ushers (8:30)	Sally Brown, Cindy Liming, Larry Russell, Bill Vahle
Ushers (11:00)	Jason Christian, Paul Pinkerton, Bill Turner, Doug Wickline
Greeters (8:30)	Brenda Boroff
Greeters (11:00)	Betty & Mark Merrill
Acolytes	Molly Mossing & Wesley Wickline
Chancel Choir Director	Mark Manley
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Choir Director	James McPeck
Children's Choir Director	Jennifer Burgess
Men's Quartet	Wayne Cook, Joe Harner, Tim Holly, John Sherer

3-22-15 Offering \$4,981.00

Weekly needed \$11,050.00



SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Richard & Dolores Strous in thankfulness to God for their family and all their blessings.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to the family of Richard Wilk on his death.

HOSPITAL: Eleanor McClelland– GMH David Cultice - Soin

LENTEN OFFERING: The offering will be used to support VBS. At VBS we convey the importance of God's love to the children who may only be in church one week a year. Thank you in joining us on this mission to make disciples.

CONNECT YOUR HEART TO GOD!

Join us in finding ways to connect YOUR heart to God. 2:15pm-5:00pm – Hang out in xpress urself with your friends, 5:00pm-6:00pm – eat dinner with Common Cup family, Contact Susan @ 287.0690 for tickets by 3:40pm, \$3/youth & \$6/adult, 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth fellowship time, Join us, bring a friend, meet new friends, see old friends and have an awesome time!!! **xpress urself closed on April 1st – Spring Break!**

HOT CROSS BUNS FOR EASTER

If you ordered Hot Cross Buns, they will be ready for pickup at the church on April 2nd before and after Maundy Thursday service. For more information call Nancy Wellman (937-305-0649).

YOUTH HELP NEEDED:

Saturday, April 4th – 9am-12pm @ Shawnee Park for Community Easter Egg Hunt. Paperwork in FH info bins.

Saturday, April 4th – 1pm-3pm @ Faith for SunRise Service Practice

Sunday, April 5th – 6am @ Faith for SunRise Service

Sunday, April 5th – 9:30am @ Faith to help with Faith Easter Egg Hunt

BEFORE PROM PARTY (Ladies Only) Saturday, April 11th, 11:00am-5:00pm 45 minute appointments available from 11am-4:15pm. Hair, Make-up and Nails (45 minutes for each service) ~ General Supplies provided. If you have specific colors or accessories, please bring them. Lunch served from 11a-1p for \$5. Please advise when scheduling appt. (pizza, beverage and more). Contact Susan Fellie for an appointment (limited space available) 372.7601

YOUTH GROUP - SPIRIT SONG 2015

June 25, 26 and 27 at Kings Island. Christian Concert Series. Tickets include Kings Island and Soak City Water Park. Ticket Deadline April 12th. Packets are located in the FH info bins. Contact Susan for more info.

Youth Mission Trip 2015 – Chattanooga, TN - Are you thinking about it?

July 26th – July 30th, \$175 per person with scholarships available – We have 1 youth spot still available...first come first served. Deposit of \$50 and paperwork due ASAP to hold your spot. Paperwork located in the FH information bins. Contact Susan for more information.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS: Starts 1 April at 6:30 pm in room 8 at FCUM, 9 week class with childcare provided to those who need it. Any questions contact Tara White or go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder/>. Type in zip code 45385 for Xenia and select FCUM to sign up for the class.

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE is scheduled for May 1st and 2nd. As you do spring cleaning, why not box up those items no longer used but good enough for someone else to use and save them for the men's garage sale. A more detailed memo regarding drop off or pick up of items will be in two editions of Faithlinks and in later bulletins. For more information, call John Sherer at 372-2204. Your support is greatly appreciated. We have storage available so early pick-ups are possible.

CAMPS: The theme for this year's camp is "Plant, Grow & Thrive in God's World". You can choose to attend the camps of Wesley, Otterbein, or Widewater, during the weeks of June 8th – August 2nd. Never let the cost of camp stop you from attending, scholarships are available. Camp informational books are in the Welcome Area and Community Center. Please see Jeanne Mills before you make your check out to Faith Community. The first mailing to camp to secure your week will be April 1st.

NO KIDS CLUB: Kid's will not be held during Spring Break, Wednesday, April 1st.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The 2015 hunt will be on Easter, Sunday, April 5th. Why do I bring this up now... CANDY and EGGS of course! The containers are in the Welcome Area and Community Center waiting to be filled so the bunny helpers can work, work, work to get ready for the big day!

SERMON NOTES

March 29, 2015

“Servant Stories: The Cross”

Matthew 15:16-24

HYMN OF RESPONSE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Hymnal #**298**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed Hymnal #881**

GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(The ushers will receive our morning offering to support the many vital ministries through Faith Community.)

OFFERTORY “Open the Gates of the Temple” J.F. Knapp

DOXOLOGY Hymnal #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

**GOSPEL LESSON Mark 15:16-24
L: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Servant Stories: The Cross” Pastor Brad Olson

CLOSING HYMN “The Old Rugged Cross” Hymnal #504**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

**BENEDICTION

**CHORAL BENEDICTION^(11:00)

**POSTLUDE “The Palms” Faure/DeCou

**** (Indicates please stand if able)**



What are some of the things that happened to Jesus between the last supper and his death?

Who was Simon of Cyrene?

What was he asked to do?

Who might he be meant to represent?

If you follow too closely, what might you end up doing?

What did Jesus need help with?

What could you use some help with?

What does the cross symbolize for Simon?

Has there been a time when you have stepped in to help relieve another’s suffering?

Whose cross is Simon carrying?

Where this week will you step in and help someone carry their cross?



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

Sunday March 29, 2015

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 - 11:00 AM Social Time in F Hall A & B

11:00 AM spiritfire in Community Center

11:00 AM Children's Church Room 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:30 AM

Karen Mossing Preschool Room 5

Julie Wickline K - 2nd grade Room 12

Bob Steen 3 – 5th grade Room 11

Virginia Pinkerton Combined Youth Room 8
Susan Fellie

Adult Explorers Class Room 6

Adult Double I F Hall 15 C

Adult Open Doors Room 1

Adult Friends and Followers Room 3

Adult Young Spirits Revisited Room 4

Women Ladies Only Room 7

Nursery care is available during all services in Room 2