

# Palm Sunday

## March 28, 2021

\*\* (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Open the Gates of the Temple"  
Phoebe Knapp/Norman Johnson

\*\*Gospel Reading Luke 19: 29-40

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH#278

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;  
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**P: This is the day that God has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;  
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**P: We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.  
We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

L: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;  
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**A: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

\*\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us  
through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of  
welcome, "Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Peace in  
heaven and glory in the highest." This is a day of celebration.  
There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power  
of Jesus' compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There are  
voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We  
cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death,  
that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Meet us  
here, we pray. Amen.**

Life of the Church

Rev. Andy Wagner

Prayers of the Faithful & 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.**

Ministry of Music

"The Holy City"

Stephen Adams  
John Sherer, vocal solo

\*\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 23: 13-25

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Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH#298

Sermon "The Testing of Jesus, Part 7" Rev. Andy Wagner

\*\*Closing Hymn "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"  
(v. 1,2,4,5) UMH#294

\*\*Sending Forth

\*\*Postlude "The Palms" Jean Baptiste Faure/Harold De Cou



*Altar Flowers are given by Scott & Carol Jenkins.  
Hosanna! Praise to our Lord.*

# March & April

Monday 29	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:10 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C
Tuesday 30	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball	3:30 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC
Wednesday 31	<b>DEADLINE FOR</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>4/4/21</b> 7:00 pm	<b>BULLETIN</b> FCC
Thursday 1	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Maundy Thurs. Service	11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B FCC Sanctuary
Friday 2			
day 3			
Easter Sunday 4			
	Traditional Worship Easter Egg Hunt Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Sanctuary Front Lawn Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140	11:00 am 5:00 pm	FCC Rm 15 A

## Sunday School Studies

**Explorers** meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle, 4 week study of "Easter Realities."

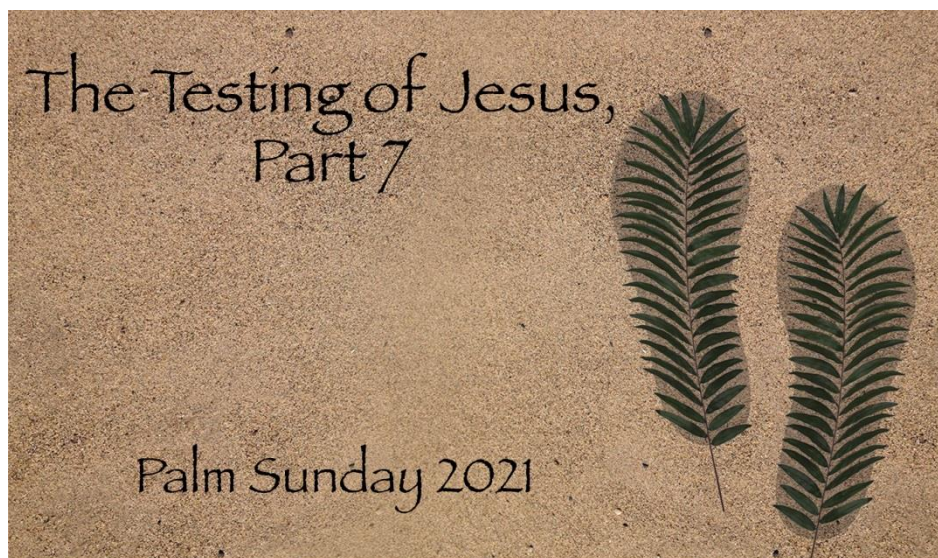
**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of "Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "On the Road Again – A Faith Journey" by James W. Moore.

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Julie Wickline.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Karen Mossing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



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### Worship Team

Ushers	Paul Pinkerton, Doug Wickline, Joe Kennedy, Bruce Spitler
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Acolytes	Micah Fleming and Morgan Fleming
Organist	Carol Stewart

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