

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, April 13, 2025 | Palm/Passion Sunday

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

PRELUDE "Open the Gates of the Temple"

PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS

***PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

Luke 19:28-40

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***THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

ONE: Hosanna to the Son of David,

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

ONE: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278 UMH

*** OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

PARISH NOTES/OFFERING

please place your pink inserts in the offering plate

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer
(trespasses)

SERVICE OF THE PASSION

HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#292 UMH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: God our Redeemer, you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross; By your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your Word so, as the Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

Luke 22:14-23:56

NARRATOR – But they all cried out together,

CROWD – "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—

NARATOR – a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus; but they shouted out,

CROWD – "Crucify, crucify him!"

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table vividly and dramatically shows the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.

The church then remains bare until Easter.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Were You There"

#288 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE**

"Jesus Remember Me"

#488 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able

UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please place your slip into the offering plate, and the pastor will receive your request. It will also be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:

Kristi Donahue & Bob Rader

Flowers:

Today's flowers are in appreciation for the Haldeman Family.

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Wed.	April 16 th	Gathering Place	Noon
Thurs.	April 17 th	Maundy Thursday	6 PM Fellowship Hall
Friday	April 18 th	Good Friday	7 PM
Sunday	April 20 th	Sonrise	7 AM Tabernacle

Camp Scholarships:

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting Camp Scholarships. We have a member that has generously offered to meet any donations up to \$1,000.

So far we have collected \$925.00. **PLEASE** help us meet that \$1,000.

HOLY WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

We will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 17. On this night, Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will have a simple meal followed by a service with hand washing and Communion.

This year's Ecumenical Service will be at 7 p.m. on Good Friday, April 18, at MGUMC. This will be a service of Tenebrae. Based on a 12th century, late night/early morning service, a service of Tenebrae is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Our Sunday School teachers are planning an activity for children during the service.

Join us to celebrate Easter Sunday beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle for our annual SonRise Service! Then at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., as we continue our joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus!

Coins:

Remember to bring your coins for UMCOR on Easter Sunday.

*WITH DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THOSE
WHO BROUGHT THE PASSION NARRATIVE
TO LIFE THIS MORNING: DAVID HARRIS,
DAN DEITZEL, DAVE GARVER, SANDY HALL,
MARCIE LLOYD, PAT ALLWEIN, GREG
PAPPARIELLA, TOM MAURER, PENNY
HARRIS AND MARYANN VOLTE*