



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Thursday Closed
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
10:00 a.m.



Prayer of Meditation Before Worship

As crowds of people welcomed Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem, acclaiming him as their ruler, so we welcome you, O God, our Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Above all human powers and dominions, you lay rightful claim to our praise, our love, and our obedience. Therefore, we have come to Worship you and to hear your Word. We love you, God, and we pray that we, with all people, might do your will on earth. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "What Wondrous Love Is This" (Gordon Young)

Tower Bell

Introit

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee dearest friend
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end.
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

***Call to Worship**

Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of Glory may come in!

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Let us Worship our God!

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, April 2:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Palm Sunday
11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- Monday, April 3:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, April 4:** 6:30 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Wednesday, April 5:** 4:00 p.m. Garden Club Meeting-St. John's UCC
- Thursday, April 6:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- Saturday, April 8:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, April 9:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Easter Sunday
11:00 a.m. Reception for Pastor Marty

Upcoming Event

Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, April 12th
Noon-2:00pm
Lunch will be Provided

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Norma Biery, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Pam Maloney, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Family of Gregg Runge, Char Scholl, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Family of Robert Walters, Wendy Watts, John & Peggy Westlund

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Bette Kendrick. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bette as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Bette Kendrick
Sunrise of Dublin
4175 Stone Ridge Lane Apt. 205
Dublin, Oh 43017

Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

The Chosen

THE CHOSEN: Join us for a Saturday morning coffee and discussion group. Starting after Easter, Saturday April 15 - Saturday May 27 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. we'll be watching and discussing Season 3 of The Chosen. This is a multi-season series about the life of Christ. It's free and currently has the attention of millions of people! If you haven't seen The Chosen you may watch seasons 1-3 for free, simply tune into the Angel app on your TV or watch online. In April we will begin our discussion group with Season 3. If you have questions or want to talk about this idea contact Laura Haas or Vicki Kennedy. You may reach out to the church office for any assistance.

***Hymn**

"The Palms"

(Faure)

1. O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

Refrain:

Join all and sing, his name declare,
Let every voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord,
Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

2. His word goes forth and people by its might,
Once more regain freedom from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right
While those in darkness are restored to light.

Refrain:

3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem,
Brings forth the hope to thee for-ever-more.

Refrain:

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too.

But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you.

Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to Worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Dearly Beloved believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

(Greatorex)

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.

Scripture From the Prophets: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Children's Chat

Laura Haas

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 9th
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Special Music

Easter Magic Show for Children

During our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 the children will have a special treat with a magic show.

The magician that will be joining us is John Louis. John has previously worked with St. John's when performing shows for our HEARTS Tutoring program. The magic show will present the Gospel using hilarious comedy, juggling, Gospel, illusions, live animals, and audience participation. The show has always been a hit with our previous performances.

The children will be dismissed to attend the show during the service. Parents can pick up their children following the worship service that day. If there are any questions please contact the church office.

Goodbye and Thank You Reception for Pastor Marty

We would like to invite everyone to a cookies and punch reception after church on Sunday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall to honor Pastor Marty and thank him for everything that he has done for us over the past 3 months. Give a few minutes of your day on Easter Sunday to stop by and enjoy some cookies and punch and wish Marty a fond farewell. See you Easter Sunday!

Help Your Church

Have You Been Thinking About How to Serve Our Church WITHOUT Having to Make a Long and Time-Consuming Commitment? Do You Have Family or Friends That Don't Worship With Us But You Would Like Them To Serve Your Church? **See the Opportunities Below.**

1) SPRING has sprung! **Let's de-clutter the church.** On Saturday April 29, from noon – 3:00pm we need volunteers. All are welcome but we need you to also try and send your strong and healthy young family members and friends. Even if they don't attend St. John's, ask them to do this on your behalf. Any pick-up trucks are also welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to sign up helpers.

2) Do you have a **knack for gardening and landscaping**? We are hoping that a few folks will collaborate with the East Row Garden Club to make plans to beautify our church yard. No one is asking you to do the gardening or care for the church yard, simply bring your ideas to the conversation and help with the planning. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to offer your time. **We will have a meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the church.**

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

(Andre Campra)

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ. May you know his grace and peace today!



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are April 23rd & 30th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
11:15 a.m. today
Church Lawn

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 6th
7:00 p.m. St. John’s Sanctuary

Scripture From the Letters of Paul: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Anthem

“The Holy City”

(Adams)

Last night I lay a sleeping, There came a dream so fair:
I stood in old Jerusalem, Beside the temple there;
I heard the children singing; And ever as they sang,
Me thought the voice of angels, From heav’n in answer rang;
“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!”

And once again the scene was chang’d, New earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea;
The light of God was on its streets, The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, Or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o’er!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forever more!

Scripture From the Gospels: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “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.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!”

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

Sermon “Everything Is Of Use” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn #267** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (Ellacombe)

Gathering Together in Prayer Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – 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 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 and ever. Amen.

Response

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Sing Twice

Offertory Invitation

The Bearer of Sorrows gave life itself, in total dedication to God’s way of love. We too have the privilege of investing our lives for others. The tithes and offerings we dedicate here are symbols of our willingness to answer God’s call with all our time and talents.

Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Gilbert Martin)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood,

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life my all! Amen!

*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**

(Old 100th)

*Prayer of Dedication

As we praise You, O God, let us give thanks, not only with our gifts, but with our lives given in humble service to You; as You have come to us riding on a donkey as mighty Messiah and King, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #284** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (Passion Chorale)

*Benediction

*Choral Response (All Sing)

**Jesus to Calv’ry did go, his love for sinners to show,
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!**