

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 18 - Combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service, 7pm  
at Wesley Chapel

April 20 - Easter Celebration, 11:00 am

CALL TO WORSHIP LUKE 19:28-40

as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,  
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully  
with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered,  
“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

HYMN: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus 277

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION PO/Ginna Bairby

illuminating God, shine your light  
through the darkness of this world  
into every corner of our hearts.

As we read the many words of Scripture,  
may we recognize the presence of  
your one true Word, Jesus Christ,  
who bears your love into the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:1-49

CONFESSION

*Dr. Lisa Hancock*

With the psalmist, we declare, “Open to me  
the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!”

**But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous.**

With the crowds, we proclaim,  
“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

**But we neglect to follow you when you show us  
the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven.**

With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings  
doing their best to follow you & command, “Order them to stop!”

**But we refuse to listen to your command  
to love our neighbors as you love us.**

**Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus  
down the road into Jerusalem,  
confronting the death-dealing powers of this world  
with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. Amen.**

{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE

Isa. 50:9a

FotW (alt)

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?  
Because of the grace we received in Christ,  
we have nothing to fear.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed,  
Thanks be to God!**

**We will share the peace of Christ with others. Amen**

CHOIR Precious Name 536

SERMON

HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness 140

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
BRINGING OUR GIFTS

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Blessed with life and salvation In Christ  
we are inspired to live grateful lives.  
Our generous gifts are a sacrifice of praise.

### DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

FotW

**Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation  
that you have done and continue to do.**

**Bless these offerings of thanksgiving  
that they may further your kingdom in this world;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

HYMN:

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PO/ Ginna Bairby (alt)

Friends, when you leave this place, ...  
Accompany one another into the darkness  
as Christ accompanies us,...

And as you go, may the grace of Christ, the love of God,  
and the binding power of the Holy Spirit,  
encircle you all this Holy Week long  
until we meet again in the light of Easter morning. Amen.

Amen

POSTLUDE

This Is the Day, This Is the Day

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# Palm Sunday



**April 13, 2025      11:00 am**  
**Clarksburg United Methodist Church**

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# Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary  
Year C – Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025

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## Scriptures

### Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29                      Luke 19:28–40

### Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a                                      Psalm 31:9–16  
Philippians 2:5–11                                Luke 22:14–23:56 (or 23:1–49)

## Questions for Reflection:

The events of Holy Week make up the central story of our faith.  
Can we see the suffering of others in our world in the passion of  
Jesus? What are some ways that the daughters and sons of  
humanity are crucified today?  
How are we called to respond?

## Morning Prayer:

God, as I enter into this new day,  
I ask that you keep me mindful  
of the profound nature of this Holy Week.  
Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms  
and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world,  
mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

## Evening Prayer:

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.  
If I remembered today my betrayals of you,  
remind me now of your steadfast love for me,  
as I give this day into your hands and rest in peace. Amen.

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