

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of Christ Candle Donna & Ella

Life & Work of the Community

***Hymn He Came Riding On a Donkey 124VU**

Opening Litany for Palm Sunday: Where is He Going?

Prayer of Confession

Words of Grace

Minute for Mission Tim Meers

***Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 123VU**

A Story for All Ages

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a Delite Richards

Psalm 31:9-16 Pt. 2 758VU

Sermon "Thoughts and Voices from the Way into Jerusalem"

An Affirmation of Faith for the Journey:

***Hymn All Glory Laud and Honour 122VU**

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus 135VU**

Words for Going Forth as a Lenten People

***Sending Forth May God's Sheltering Wings 214MV**

Upcoming dates

April 2 - 10:30 - Palm Sunday Worship
April 7 - 7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship
April 9 - 10:30 - EASTER CELEBRATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION
April 16 - The Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands

EASTER FLOWERS - We would love to fill our church with flowers to celebrate the God's gift of New Life and Resurrection. If you would like to dedicate flowers as a memorial or a gift of appreciation, please provide Mark with the information at the office. Also, if flowers could be dropped off to the church kitchen by Friday evening at the latest, that would be appreciated.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP - The Lenten scripture readings for this year offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are SEEKING: Nicodemus comes to him in the night, a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight... Each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. These stories invite us to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking as we explore questions that invite us to be curious, open and nimble. All are welcome. Coffee will be served.

Please remember the Breakfast program. They require;
 Juice boxes - Orange or apple
 Granola bars - plain or cinnamon
 Jam
 Cheese Whiz
 Pancake mix

We have returned to collecting our offerings in the traditional manner. Please keep your offering until it is collected during the choir anthem.

Montague Food Bank Items need on a regular basis: canned meats and fish, soup, cereal, side and main dishes, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, condiments, unscented toiletries and pet food, feminine hygiene products, monetary donations to purchase fresh food.

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier!

The Way To Jerusalem Is Cluttered

The way to Jerusalem
is cluttered
with bits and pieces of our lives
that fly up and cry out,
wounding us as we try
to keep upon this path
that leads to life.

Why didn't somebody tell us
that it would be so hard?

In the midst of the clutter,
the children laugh
and run after stars.
Those of us who are wise
will follow,
the children will be the first
to kneel in Jerusalem.

From Anne Weems'
"Kneeling in Jerusalem"