

SUGAR CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, April 13, 2025 ∞ Palm Sunday ∞ 10:30 AM

❖ Those who are able, please stand.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

Meditación

Julio Valdés

WELCOME AND SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO SILENCE

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Brunn, liturgist

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;

we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,

for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation,

we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:

modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

❖ HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Blue #89

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us!

Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

SILENT CONFESSION

A time for self-examination and silent prayer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:

Christ has come to save us! Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

❖ GLORY TO GOD

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Blue #83 v5

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad:

The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:29-42

Script adapted from The Book of Belonging by Mariko Clark

SERMON

Lament and Hope

Rev. Amy Duiker

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Palms

Gabriel Faure

Brad Mattingly, soloist

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE WAY OF JESUS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

David Hegarty

❖ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit, who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

❖ HYMN

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

Blue #501

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you, Lord Jesus: **Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...we will feast with you at your table in glory. **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WE COMMUNE TOGETHER

In celebrating the Lord's Supper, it is our privilege to serve one another. In offering your neighbor the tray of bread, say, "The bread of life for you." In offering your neighbor the tray of juice, say, "The cup of salvation for you." We will wait until all have been served and commune together.

Gluten-free bread is available by request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Elevation; Prelude

Alexander Guilmant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this feast of good gifts. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD IN THE WORLD

❖ HYMN

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Blue #91

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Lani Smith

The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Assurance are by Thom Shuman.

Thank you to all those who helped bring our Gospel Lesson to life today.

Our Lenten Doxology: words by G. W. Dub Shepherd

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Compassion Fatigue Sponsored by the Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network

Sunday, April 27, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Fairhaven Church, 637 East Whipp Road, Centerville

Open to Everyone

- Spiritual Coping for Burnout/Stress
- Interactive Session with Q & A

Register: <https://login.fairhaven.church/registration/compassionfatigue-cvc>

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6 D

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle children sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav - en our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed 501

ARFON 7.7.7.7.7

French and Welsh melody
Arr. Hugh Davies, 1906

Josiah Conder, 1824; alt.

1. Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed, For Thou art our
2. Vine of heaven, Thy love sup - plies This blest cup of

food in - deed; Ev - er may our souls be fed
sac - ri - fice; 'Tis Thy wounds our heal - ing give;

With this true and liv - ing Bread, Day by day with
To Thy cross we look and live: Thou our life! O

strength sup - plied Through the life of Christ who died.
let us be Root - ed, graft - ed, built on Thee.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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Henry Hart Milman, 1827

John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
 4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die: O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 squad - rons of the sky Look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

Text Us!

Are you a newcomer to Sugar Creek looking to connect? Text the word WELCOME to 937-777-3495.

Generations Inspiring Faith Together ~ See you April 23

Come join this vibrant intergenerational ministry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 7:45 pm.
Faith Formation *Fellowship* *Food*

Giving Statements

Giving statements for the first quarter of 2025 are available for pick up in The Cove. These statements represent giving through March 30.

Walking at the Kettering Rec Center

Join us for our spring walks at the Kettering Rec Center. We will meet at the parking lot by the track Saturday, April 26 and May 17 at 6pm. Bring your family, pets and neighbors. **See You There!**

Day of Renewal Sponsored by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley's Third Thirty Network at Kirkmont May 13 & 14

Find out more and to register visit: Kirkmontcenter.org/events

Overnight \$45.00 May 13-14 One day \$25.00 May 14

- Keynote: Dr. JO Miller—Antarctica/South Georgia including effects of climate change
- Book discussion on *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible and the Ecological Crises*
- Labyrinth
- Volunteer opportunity
- Nature walk with a naturalist
- Quiet time for coloring, Buddha board and other meditative practices

Holy Week & Easter April 17–20

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Our Lord joined his disciples at the table on this night. Join us for fellowship and a simple supper of soup and bread in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm, followed by worship in our sanctuary at 7 pm featuring Taizé-style music and sharing the Lord's Supper. Taizé music is named after a worshipping community in France and emphasizes short, repeated phrases, usually from Scripture. The style lends itself to reflection and contemplation and is appropriate as we near the cross with Jesus.



Good Friday, April 18

Gather in the sanctuary at 7 pm for a solemn and powerful Tenebrae service sharing the passion of Jesus from Luke's gospel. Using the gradual extinguishing of candles and other dramatic elements, we will reflect on the darkness of Jesus's suffering and death, honoring the sacrifice that gives light and life to the world.

Easter Vigil, April 18-20

Our sanctuary is available for people to come and pray beginning at the end of our Good Friday service until worship leaders arrive on Easter morning. A sign-up sheet to reserve a time is available in the Cove. Come alone or with a small group. Bring your favorite devotion or worship music and something to play it on or just yourself. We will make a few other resources available for your use. If you do not have a key to the church, please contact the church office by noon on April 17 and we will make arrangements with you.

Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day, April 20, 10:30 am

He is risen! Bring your whole family (and your friends and neighbors) to celebrate our risen Lord and the life he gives to the world! We'll celebrate with our Chancel Choir, Memorial Handbell Choir, a brass quartet, and of course, a Sugar Creek tradition – "Lift High the Cross". Bring your own flower(s) to adorn the cross as we celebrate the triumph of Life over Death.



****All services will be in-person and streamed to our YouTube channel.****