

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship: 10:00 am April 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

"With All Your Heart: Prepare"

Entering into Our Worship Together

PRELUDE
ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT
GREETING

Let Us Be In An Attitude of Prayer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The story is an old one, and retold again, with joy and expectation.

People: There was excitement in the air, and the Healer came forth.

Leader: No army announced him, no brandishing of sword and shield.

People: Would you believe: riding on a donkey, amid sounds of Hosanna!

Leader: Could he be the One promised long ago, the Messiah in Jerusalem?

People: Yes! Yes! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna, Son of David, Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymnal # 280

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE ACOLYTES

MORNING PRAYER

Mighty and Everlasting God, we thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this Palm Sunday stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of Resurrection, and the truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. Oh yes, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord our God! We praise you, we bless you for the gift of Christ! Amen.

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. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal #880

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessed is He!"

Adult Choir

Response and Offerings

PSALTER READING

Psalm 31:1-16
(congregational response R in red)

Hymnal #764

OFFERTORY

"Hosanna"

Praise Band

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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**

CHILDREN'S TIME AT THE ALTAR

(Children's Church is offered for children ages 4-11 years old)
(Our nursery is available for children from birth to 3 years old)

Steve Phillips

Proclamation of God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Pew Bible, pg. 675

***CENTERING HYMN**

"Tell Me The Stories"

Hymnal # 277

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 19:28-40
Pew Bible, pg. 111

SERMON

"Preparing!"

Pastor Murphy

Our Response to God's Word

REFLECTION:

"What is God doing in your life?"

Lay Response

Sending Forth

***SENDING HYM**

"Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna"

Hymnal # 278

***BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

Let us rejoice: God so loves the world!

May God our Maker

Send us back into the world

With creative energies refreshed.

May Christ, the Light

Illuminate our darkest moments.

**Any may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love
Guide us until we worship together again.**

This day and forevermore. Amen!

(adapted; by Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel , Worship Ways)

POSTLUDE

Our Acolytes lead us out as we go forth to serve.



Prayer Concerns

*(Prayer requests must be received in the office at 540-896-3970 or office@sunsetdriveumc.com by Thursday at 10am to be included. Names stay on for **two weeks**.)*

Our Church Family ...

Kathryn Ford (Lois Dinges)
Marlin Fulk (Bev Thompson)
Bev Thompson (Pastor Tom)

Our Extended Family ...

Donna Fulk (Bev Thompson)

Prayers for Our Military Families.....

Will Freds: U.S Army (son in law of CW and Peggy Grandle)
Mark Hadley: U.S Navy (son of George and Janet Hadley)
David Lee: U.S Army (grandson of Jane Garrett)
Mark Long: U.S Navy (son of Dawn Long)
Chris Mullenax: U.S Army Special Forces
Tim Slutman, U.S Army (close friend of the Almquist family)



Staff

Pastor: Tom Murphy
Secretary: Lisa Thacker
Custodian: Angie Coffman
Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts
Music Director: Harlen Miller

Organist: Jaclyn Knight

Easter Egg Hunt directly after church on **TODAY**.

Administrative Council Meeting on Monday, April 15th at 7pm.

Bible Study continues Wednesday, April 17th. Our Lenten study is "Made for A Miracle" by Mike Slaughter. It is comprised of 6 sessions each Wednesday night at **6pm**. We encourage you to come as you prepare your hearts and minds.

Adult Choir practice on Wednesday, April 17th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Hand Bell practice on Wednesday, April 17th from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

May 2019 Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd. Please have all information to church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.

Sunset Drive's first chicken BBQ is Saturday, April 27th. Volunteers will be needed for cooking, wrapping and selling. The cooking crew begins at 5:00 a.m. Wrapping begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. and selling begins soon after that

The *Ladies' Ministry* is planning their annual yard/bake sale. The sale has tentatively been set for Saturday, April 27th. Remember us as you start your spring cleaning. No clothing items, but all else is appreciated.



Stewardship Report: April 7, 2019

Church School Last Sunday 56
Worship Last Sunday 99

General Fund	\$ 3,519.03
<i>In Memory of Richard Jacksie and Ruby Baker:</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
Needed weekly to meet budget:	\$4,225.46
Restricted Funds	\$ 55.00

Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine.

Sunset Drive Lenten Activities

Bible study series:

Wednesdays 6:pm- "Made for A Miracle" by Mike Slaughter

Preaching Series:

Palm Sunday, April 14, "Preparing"

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

April 18th at 7pm

April 19th at 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise on the Mountain Top at the Grandle's cabin 6:00 am.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, April 21st at 10am

There will be a cross in the narthex that you can place flowers on. Bring whatever blooms you can find to decorate the cross.



**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING
ACOLYTES
April 14, 2019**



On this Palm Sunday we take time to honor, with appreciation, some of our young people who have taken their time to honor the Lord and his church by being trained as acolytes. Acolytes are a vital part of our worship helping our liturgies flow smoothly. It is a privilege to serve God at the altar. So, these who stand before us come to be recognized and to receive a pin acknowledging their service ministry.

Pastor: *Today we are happy to recognize these who stand before you and celebrate their entry into the ministry of Acolytes. We rejoice as a congregation as you enter into this ministry.*

Laity: *As you carry on this ministry, as a congregation, we will stand with you and offer our fullest support.*

Pastor: I invite you to stand and join with me in prayer for these young people for their ministry. Let us pray:

God of grace and power, pour out your Spirit on these your servants as they minister among us. Guide and strengthen them for their ministry in all that lies ahead, that together we may be in ministry to all the world; through the One in whom we all are one, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Awarding of the Acolyte pins.)

NEW ACOLYTES
(being recognized)

Cole Clarke

Natalie Craig

Tanner Craig

Elizabeth Gilley

Jacob Gilley

Eli Flora

Andrew "Drew" Krantz

Aayden Roberts

CURRENT ACOLYTES
(previously recognized)

Alyssa Allen

Ashton Allen

Natalie Flora

Ainsley Flora

Rachel Haviland

John Haviland

Ashley Hoover

Jozelyn Kann

Kai Orebaugh

Jaxen Phillips

Skylar Phillips