

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2009

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST!

QUIET MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Ride on in Glory" - Mark L. Williams

INTROIT (9:30 & 11:00)

"Awesome God" Alleluia & Spirit Singers Choirs

Youth Accompanists: Maureen Folk, Tim Ehrhart & Brian Nortman

INGATHERING (Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Announcements, Mission Moment, Greeting)

*HYMN (see insert)

"The Palms"

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: This house of worship blesses you, holy God.

L: God has sent the Light of the World to us.

P: Let us celebrate God's gift with a procession of palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"

L: O give thanks to the Lord. God is good to us!

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we are profoundly thankful and deeply humbled by our remembrance of your triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On that day 2,000 years ago people were exuberant in their praise and adoration of you, and so it will be again when God exalts your name above every other. But in between lay the way of the cross, when you emptied yourself, leaving glory behind, and embraced the cross for the sake of all humanity. We are awed by the depth of your love and sacrifice. We so want to identify with the cheering crowd but are afraid that we would be no less fickle than they, ending up denying you as though we never knew you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, draw us to you in renewed love and devotion this week, as we remember your lonely and painful journey to Calvary. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

ANTHEM (9:30 & 11:00)

"On the Road to Jerusalem"

Chancel Choir

WE HONOR AND GLORIFY THE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY (8:00)

"Hosanna in the Highest" - Tom Birchwood

OFFERTORY (9:30 & 11:00)

"In the Shadow of His Cross" Sr. High/Adult Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN No. 277

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Palm Sunday Song"

Children's Bell Choir

"Prepare the Royal Highway" Alleluia & Spirit Singers Choirs

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Praise be to God.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit.

SERMON

"Palms, Daffodils and Lilies"

Dr. Hall

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN No. 280

"All Glory, Laude and Honor"

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00)

"In the Shadow of His Cross" Sr. High/Adult Bell Choir

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"A Palm Sunday Flourish" Chancel Choir & Adult Bells

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Fling Wide the Gates" - John Stainer

*People standing, if able

Dr. Hall's Scripture for next week is: Mark 16:1-8

Information for our church family and guests

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SOUND ENHANCEMENT DEVICES, FOOT STOOLS,** and **CHILDREN'S QUIET ACTIVITY BAGS** are available from the ushers.
- **ELEVATORS** to all 3 levels are located near the front side and back doors of the church.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING** is available in the front, side, and rear parking lots.
- **SILENT PAGERS** are available for parents who have infants/toddlers in the nursery.
- **TO CONTACT US:** 604 Oswego St., Liverpool, NY • 457-5180 • liverpoolfirstumc.org

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Frank A. Romeo & Jeane Marie Brennan** by **Barbara Romeo & Marty Brennan**

For our service of worship

WORSHIP LEADERS: 8:00 Linda Loomis; 9:30 Rev. Hart; 11:00 Rev. Moore-Krackhardt

CHOIR DIRECTORS: James Welsch, Kirstin King, Kathy Nortman & Robin Folk

ORGANIST: Nancy Harp

ACOLYTE: 9:30 Michael King

GREETERS: 8:00 David & Margaret Henes; 9:30 Wendy Contos & Karen Ladd; 11:00 Sue Sargeant & Barb Chura

This week at Liverpool First

- TODAY:** 8:00 AM Early Worship
9:30 & 11:00 AM Morning Worship
9:30 AM Nursery Care for infants & Sunday School for ages three to 12th grade
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM Alleluia Choir
- MONDAY:** 12:30 PM Senior Nutrition Luncheon
3:00 PM Prayer Partners
7:00 PM Education Committee
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 AM Quilting Group
1:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study
7:00 PM Dr. Hall's Bible Study
7:00 PM Girl's Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:00-8:00 PM Wendy's Night
6:30 PM Outreach Commission
6:30 PM Parent discussion group
6:30 PM Spirit Singers
7:00 PM Children's Bell Choir
7:00 PM Disciple 1 class
7:45 PM Sr. High/ Adult Bell Choir
- THURSDAY:** 10:30 The Who's
Noon-1:00 PM Silent Communion
7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
- FRIDAY:** Noon - Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
5:30 PM Praise Band
7:00 PM The Requiem performance at Plymouth Congregational UCC
7:00 PM LIFE Youth Ministry



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**LIVERPOOL FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Hall
Rev. Penny Hart
Rev. Shirley Moore-Krackhardt

Milton T. Jefferson
Pastor Emeritus



The Palms

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

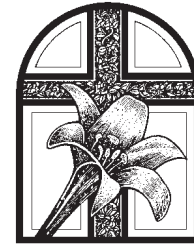
Join, sing His name divine,
Let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

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

Join, sing His name divine,
Let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

Sing and rejoice. O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore.

Join, sing His name divine,
Let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - April 9

Noon - 1:00 p.m., Silent Communion in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Communion & Tenebrae Service featuring special music
"Shadows" by the Chancel Choir

High school students, seated at a table to symbolize the Last Supper, will create an atmosphere of increasing darkness to dramatize the mounting sorrows of Holy Week. The symbolism of this service helps prepares us for the suffering that precedes Easter, when all sorrow turns to joy in the resurrection.

Good Friday - April 10

Noon - Ecumenical Worship Service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

7:00 p.m. Gabriel Faure's Requiem at Plymouth Congregational Church
Presented by our own Chancel Choir and choirs from Plymouth Congregational Church, the First Unitarian Universalist Society and University UMC and directed by our Director of Music Ministries James O. Welsch

Easter Sunday - April 12

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Johnson Park
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Services

(There will be a special session of Sunday School for elementary school-aged children during the 9:30 a.m. service, as well as nursery care for infants and toddlers.)



Scalloped potato & ham dinner - April 16

Join us for a ham and scalloped potato dinner April 16 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Take outs are available. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 5 to 10 years, and free for children 4 and younger. Family rate is \$30 for four or more.

LFUMC night at Wendy's - March 11

Enjoy a family night out at the Wendy's restaurant on Park Street in front of the Regional Market and you will also benefit our church financially (you must go inside to order). On Wednesday, March 11, Wendy's will donate 10% of all their sales between the hours of 5 and 8 PM to Liverpool First United Methodist Church. Put this date on your calendar and tell your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about this event. This is a great example of mutually beneficial cooperation between business and church in our community.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held August 10th through the 14th this year. Vicki Odell will be the director and is looking for volunteers to teach and to help in other ways during the week. Please call her at 256-5764 if you would like to help.

News of our members: Willard Bahn is at Birchwood for rehabilitation therapy; Marge Mahaffy is at: St. Luke's Health Services (Room # 205) 299 East River Road, Oswego, NY 13126.



Good Friday Special Music Event

Gabriel Faure's Requiem will be presented at 7 p.m. April 10 at Plymouth Congregational UCC, 232 W. Onondaga St. (free parking on street and in garage beneath church). This Scripturally based classical work will be presented by our choir combined with choirs from three other churches, a small orchestra, and soloists. James Welsch will conduct. This music is deeply spiritual and is a meaningful preparation for the glorious resurrection. The free event is at 7 p.m. Good Friday, and the bus will provide transportation both ways.

Ride to Choir Presentation

Please call the church office by Wednesday or Place this form in the offering plate today if you want to ride the bus to Plymouth Congregational Church for Faure's Requiem.

I want to reserve this many seats on the bus _____ for the Faure Requiem on April 10



What's Up Downstairs?

News of Our Sunday Morning Christian Education Program

This Week—Students will learn about the significance of each day of Holy Week and will be encouraged to read the Bible daily with their families. Today: Mark 11; Monday, Matt. 21: 12-17; Tuesday, Matt. 26: 6-13; Wednesday, Matt. 26: 14-16; Thursday, Matt. 16: 17-29; Friday, Matt. 27: 32-56, Saturday, Matt. 27: 57-66.

Lent—Lavender is the element added to spice bags this week. The scent will remind students of the resurrection. They will take their full sachet bags home this week and enjoy the fragrances as they journey through Holy Week.

After Palm Sunday Service—Parents are asked to remain in the sanctuary for just a few minutes after the 9:30 service today. Teachers and helpers will bring students upstairs to practice their Easter procession. This will take approximately 10 minutes.

Easter Sunday—Students will process, singing a joyful alleluia, at the 9:30 a.m. service. Children will go to church with their families, then they will be called forward early in the service, process together, then go with adult leaders to the Sunday School gathering area for worship, stories and crafts. Families that wish to have their children remain with them instead of going to the program, may simply instruct their children to return to the pew following the procession.

Christian Education Training—These adult workers attended the NCNY Conference Christian Education training held at our church March 14: Dee Hurd, Bob and Karen Peinkofer, Vicki Odell, Sue Andrews, Erin Van Marter, Mike and Janet Ehrhart.



2009 White Ribbon Campaign

The White Ribbon Campaign is held annually to support Vera House in its efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence. There are white ribbons available at the altar rail. You may leave a donation and take a ribbon to let everyone know that you support this effort.

PowerPoint video presentations

Joe Karins who has been developing and running the PowerPoint video presentations used during the Sunday morning services, is leaving the area. We want to thank Joe for all the effort he put forth to help us apply this new technology to our worship. With Joe leaving, however, a replacement is needed for this position that pays \$25/week. For anyone in the congregation who might be interested, a copy of the position guide may be obtained from Martha Miller.