

United Presbyterian Church

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Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am & Thursdays 7:30

April 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust God that all is well, that you are continuing to experience the peace of Christ and the joy of the Lord, and that you are persevering in observing a holy Lent.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we prepare our hearts to observe Holy Week, reflecting on God's immeasurable and everlasting love for creation, from the solemnity of Good Friday to the joyous celebration of Easter or Resurrection Sunday. Good Friday reveals God's great love. Easter or Resurrection Sunday demonstrates God is all-powerful, defeating death, the last enemy.

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in Me will live, even
though he dies" (John 11:25).*

In the Gospel of John 11:25 and 26, Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." These words call each of us to believe, hope, and live in the light of this profound truth.

The resurrection is more than an event in history. It reassures believers that change for the better is always possible. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work to bring peace to troubled minds, restore relationships that feel beyond repair, and breathe new life into lost hopes.

Allegra Hoots, MDIV

Jesus' resurrection shows us that no darkness is too great, no burden too heavy, and no circumstance too broken for Him to redeem. It reminds us that God's love brings hope in the face of despair and victory in the face of defeat. This is what we celebrate on Easter or Resurrection Sunday: new life, new hope, and a promise that with God, all things are possible, and nothing is impossible.

As we reflect on this miracle, may God grant us grace to share the resurrection's power with those around us. Extend forgiveness where not warranted. Seek reconciliation to heal alienation. Replace cruelty with kindness. Be a source of hope to those who need it most. Finally, rejoice in the incredible gift of eternal life and God's abundant grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the same power that raised Jesus fill our hearts with joy, our homes with peace, and our lives with renewed hope this Easter or Resurrection season.

Peace, love, and blessings,

Pastor Allegra

p.s. Happy Resurrection Day!



1825 CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF SERVICE 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Church Office: Tele: 908-756-2666

Sunday Worship Service

Pastor Allegra Hoots

11:00am

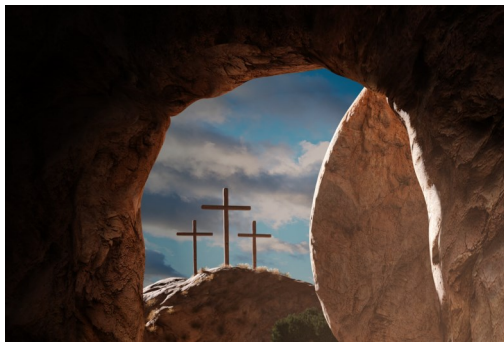
In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube

(<https://bit.ly/3jyylpg>)

Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube*

<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>



Daily Devotional

Mondays to Fridays @ 6:00am to 6:15am—Via Zoom

(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

***Sunday School
Children & Adults***

Children: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10am; 2nd Sunday at 11am

Middle School & High School:] Rooms are on the
Elementary School:] Administration level

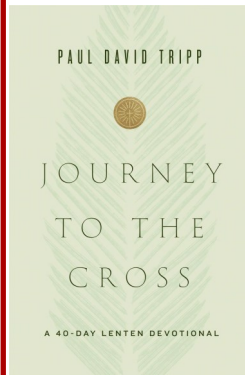


Adults meet each Sunday at 10am Lind Room

Theme:

“Embracing Life: The Beatitudes and Living Water”

This bible study will run through May 18th
No class May 11th (Mother's Day)



Lenten studies began on March 5th (Ash Wednesday) and ends on Thursday, April 17th. Our studies will be from the book:

***Journey to the Cross:
A 40-Day Lenten Devotional***
Arthur—Paul David Tripp

LENT 2025 – WED, MAR 5 -THU, APR 17

Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

April			May		
Date	Time	Event	Date	Time	Event
13		Palm Sunday	1		National Day of Prayer
16	7:30pm	Session Meeting	11		Mother's Day
17	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday	21	7:30pm	Session Meeting
18	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	26		Memorial Day
20	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service	29		Ascension of the Lord
		One Great Hour of Sharing			

FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:

TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:

<http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

Holy Week—The week leading up to Easter—April 13-20, 2025

Important Dates of Lent	Brief Overview of Significance	2025 Dates
Palm Sunday	Celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem	April 13, 2025
Maundy Thursday	Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.	April 17, 2025
Good Friday	Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.	April 18, 2025
Holy Saturday	Commemorates Jesus' body resting in the tomb.	April 19, 2025
Easter Sunday	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over death.	April 20, 2025

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday will be celebrated by Christians worldwide on Sunday, April 13th. It commemorates the Christian belief in the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It marks the start of Holy Week. Christians mark Palm Sunday by retracing Jesus' triumphant return.

Worshippers carry palm leaves and olive branches and march from the top of the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem's historic Old City. Jesus was greeted by cheering crowds waving palm branches that they set out on the ground along his path, according to the Bible.

The most sacred week of the Christian year includes the Good Friday re-enactment of Jesus' crucifixion story and death, and Christians' belief in his resurrection on Easter.

<https://www.kunc.org/news/2024-03-31/what-is-palm-sunday-why-is-the-donkey-important-to-the-story-and-how-is-it-celebrated-worldwide>

Maundy Thursday

What is Maundy Thursday?

"Maundy" is a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin), which means "command." It

was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He gave a new commandment to His disciples.

Jesus and his disciples had just shared the Last Supper or Passover meal and then Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. While washing their feet he stated:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-maundy-thursday-11628350.html>



UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Easter Celebration and Lenten Studies
See page 2

Mothers Day—May 11th

Annual Flea Market—June 7th

Father's Day —June 15th

Cottage Meeting - 4 Wednesdays in July

Meetings and topics will depend on requests/ responses

UPC Anniversary Celebration—September 21st

Special worship service and lunch

Health Fair—October 5th

Sight & Sound (TBD)

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18th

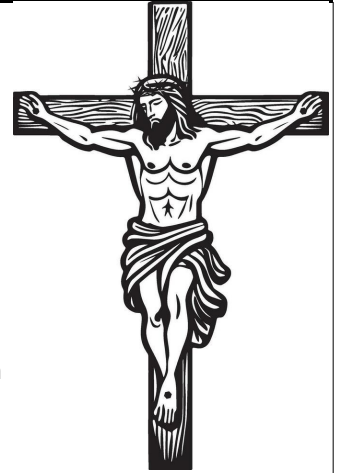
“Why is it called Good Friday when it’s the day Jesus brutally died?”

For Christians, Good Friday is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most pivotal day in the history of the world. On Good Friday, Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:10).

D.A. Carson wrote, "It was not nails that held Jesus to that wretched cross; it was his unqualified resolution, out of love for his Father, to do his Father's will—and it was his love for sinners like me." It is a good day because he traded places for you and for me. It is a good day because it was the day he conquered sin and death so that we will never be apart from God on this side of heaven or the other.

If you had asked his friends, family, and disciples on the day he died, they wouldn't have said it was a good day when all hope seemed lost; evil and death seemed to have triumphed, but their responses would've been very different three days later because the forces of evil had been defeated, death had been destroyed, and from that point on, we all have a way to be free of sin and death.

It's called Good Friday because, by Jesus' death, he became the final, complete sacrifice for our sins. We couldn't have erased our sins. Our hands would have been forever stained with every single sin for a lifetime. But Jesus broke the bonds of death and sin!



<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/why-is-it-called-good-friday.html>

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20th

What is Easter and Why Do We Celebrate It?

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah, who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. According to the New Testament, Easter is three days after the death of Jesus on the cross.

Easter follows a period of fasting called Lent, in which many churches set aside time for repentance and remembrance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. The 40-day period was established by Pope Gregory I using the 40-day pattern of Israel, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus' time in the wilderness.

The week leading up to Easter is called The Holy Week, or "Passion Week," and includes Palm Sunday (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), Maundy Thursday (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday (when Jesus would be crucified on the cross).

Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and, through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection.



Christians celebrate Easter because it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This event stands as the bedrock of Christian belief, embodying the promise of redemption, eternal life, and the triumph of light over darkness. For believers, Easter represents the culmination of God's divine plan for humanity, offering profound hope, forgiveness, and the assurance of salvation through Christ's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. It serves as a sacred opportunity for spiritual renewal, collective worship, and joyful celebration, inspiring hearts with the enduring message of God's boundless love and grace.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/understanding-the-history-and-symbols-of-easter-1256039.html>



Do You Know These 5 Facts?

July 20, 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield

- United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield was created by the merger of two Plainfield Churches
- First Presbyterian Church and Grant Avenue Presbyterian Church merged in 1971 to form United Presbyterian Church
- July 2025 will mark the 54th anniversary of United as its own congregation
- United Presbyterian Church had been the sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 5 for over 108 years



United's beginning dates back to 1825 when the First Presbyterian Church was formed

The picture to the right is how First Presbyterian appeared in 1825! →



To give some perspective as to how far back 200 years is, consider

In **1825** the following was **TRUE**:

- 24 states made up the United States of America
- Cars did not exist. A horse and wagon were the transportation of the day and travel was on dirt roads
- TV and computers did not exist. Thomas Edison was not credited with inventing the light bulb until 54 years later in 1879. Electricity wasn't readily available until 1882 and TV's weren't common in households until 125 years later in the 1950's
- Radios did not exist. Radios weren't common in households until 95 years later in the 1920's
- Phones did not exist. Alexander Graham Bell was not credited with inventing the phone until 51 years later in 1876
- Bicycles, similar to those of today, did not exist until 60 years later in 1885
- The city of Plainfield did not officially exist as the city was not incorporated until 35 years later in 1860
- Schools existed but were nothing like how we know them today. In 1825 few people were trained to be teachers. Schools that did exist were 1 room with 1 teacher and few individuals attended. Those that did attend had to pay. The first free school in New Jersey was begun by Clara Barton in 1852. Children weren't required by law to complete elementary school until 1918.

Now, that is a lot of numbers!!

Although the Bible may seem like a large book with challenging topics for kids to grasp, Scripture has something for everyone—and it's clear that God cares for the life of every child. In the Gospels, Jesus even rebuked His disciples when they tried to hold children back from coming to Him. Find encouragement in God's plan for them .

Children Are Miracles Made By God

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

—Psalm 139:13–14, NLT

<https://billygraham.org/articles/8-bible-verses-on-the-worth-of-children>



Working Together to Reduce Black Maternal Mortality

- Black Maternal Health Week is recognized April 11-17 to bring attention and action in improving Black maternal health. Everyone can play a role in working to prevent pregnancy-related deaths and improving maternal health outcomes.

- **Most Pregnancy-Related Deaths are Preventable**

Each year in the United States, hundreds of people die during pregnancy or in the year after. Thousands more have unexpected outcomes of labor and delivery with serious short- or long-term health consequences. Every pregnancy-related death is tragic, especially because more than 80% of pregnancy-related deaths

in the U.S. are preventable. Recognizing urgent maternal warning signs, providing timely treatment, and delivering respectful, quality care can prevent many pregnancy-related deaths.

- **Racial Disparities Exist**

Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. Multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in quality healthcare and underlying chronic conditions. Social determinants of health prevent many people from racial and ethnic minority groups from having fair opportunities for economic, physical, and emotional health.

- **Working Together to Reduce Black Maternal Mortality**

During Black Maternal Health Week, learn how you can support pregnant women in your life to reduce factors that contribute to pregnancy-related complications and death.

Pregnant women and their families can:

- Talk to a healthcare provider if anything doesn't feel right or is concerning.
- Know and seek immediate care if experiencing any of the urgent maternal warning signs, including severe headache, extreme swelling of hands or face, trouble breathing, heavy vaginal bleeding or discharge, overwhelming tiredness, and more. These symptoms could indicate a potentially life-threatening complication.
- Share recent pregnancy history during each medical care visit for up to one year after delivery.
- Connect with healthcare and social support systems before, during, and after pregnancy.

States and communities can:

- Communicate that everyone has a role to play in promoting maternal health. Assess and coordinate delivery hospitals for risk-appropriate care.
- Support review of the causes and opportunities for prevention behind every pregnancy-related death.
- Identify and address social factors influencing maternal health such as unstable housing, transportation access, insecurity, substance use, violence, and economic inequality.

https://www.cdc.gov/womens-health/features/maternal-mortality.html#cdc_generic_section_4-more-information



One Great Hour of Sharing

March 5-April 20, 2025

Ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a crisis relief fund, created to help those impacted by poverty, hunger, sickness, conflict, emergencies, and natural disasters worldwide. Money donated to One Great Hour of Sharing fund is used in the spirit of Christ to provide dollar-for-dollar financial relief for immediate and long-term needs.

Typically received during the season of Lent, each of us supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian

Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

<https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2024->

Love Repairs the Breach

In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we are repairing the breach in so many of our interactions in this world; opening the path to a new season of justice, freedom and peace.

“Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
 You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
 the restorer of streets to live in.”

— Isaiah 58

One Great Hour of Sharing supports programs in over **100** countries.

Jesus calls us to love one another —

with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most through three life-saving programs —



PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Share your Bread with the Hungry



SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Loose the Bonds of Injustice



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Restore Streets to Live In



God's hand of blessing is evident
In this gift He has given,
Your precious little baby girl,
God's princess sent from heaven.
I pray God's wisdom enables you
To raise her in His ways
And as she grows, I pray she'll
know,
God's love and saving grace
So she may reflect God's beauty
That touches other lives —
For her life is so wonderful
And precious in God's eyes.

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On March 14, 2025 Deacon Daniel Bofah and his wife Hilda were blessed with the newest addition to their family.

Baby Albertina Afia Bofah joined them at 6 lbs 2 oz and 18" long. Her siblings, Wolfgang, Janice and Jessica are enjoying their baby sister.

**In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world. John 16:33**

Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund

The Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is accepting donations for the Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund for higher Education.

This fund is dedicated to scholarships for any member pursuing an undergraduate degree or working in an undergraduate program which will lead to a specific degree. It may also be used by anyone pursuing a seminary degree.

Donations are accepted and welcomed to this fund at any time and may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Sending a check, made out to the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, to Treasurer, 525 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 with "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund" written in the memo section of the check.

~ OR ~

2. Contributions can be made through the "Give Now" button located at the UPC website at www.upcplainfield.org. Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund".

Invest in our children's future

Lord, I also lift up my loved ones who are in need of healing. You know their needs, their struggles, and their hearts. I pray that You would surround them with Your love and grace, bringing healing to their bodies, minds, and spirits.



NOTE:

Remember our brothers and sisters listed. Call or visit if you are able to.

- Emory Dawson
- Joanne Edwards
- Helen Foerster
- O'Harold Hoots
- Frank Klikus
- Liz Mangan
- Errol Neil
- Bobett Neil
- Sheila Neil
- Yvonne Neil
- Marianna Perry
- Pat Perry
- Brenda Rodgers
- Gail Stokes
- Izaiyah Stokes

Send your Prayer requests to the Church Office
You will be placed on our prayer list



April

- 5 Zorina Bowers
- 18 Jean Scott
- 20 Kevin Scott
- 23 Hugh Lecky

May

- 9 Jeffrey Barnes
- 16 Eunice Sadler
- 21 DJ Hemans
- 24 Marianna Perry
- 28 Mobolaji Falowo
- 29 Robert Dawson
- Maggie Anglin
- Osquit Vanderstoop
- 30 Davaughn Hoots

Flower Ministry

With your donation of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund, the Deacons will provide a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. After worship, the arrangement will also brighten the day of a member or friend of UPC who is unable to join us for worship.

Flowers may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Honoree names will be listed in the church bulletin.

You may complete the form below or add your information to the flower chart in the Narthex.

*Blessings,
Zorina Bowers*



Name: _____

Email: _____

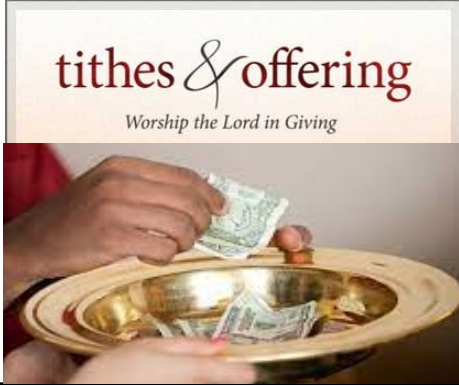
Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

Thank you for your generous support of
The Board of Deacons



THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!
Our gift, no matter how small, goes a very long way to support the church and the community.

- To bless the Church with your tithes and offering you may:
1. Drop it off at the church office
 2. Mail your check (not cash) to the church
 3. Log in to <https://bit.ly/3oyj1J6> or
 4. Go to the UPC website homepage and click on the "Give Now" button
- ~ Thank you ~

2025 UPC's Liturgists

A liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. They may lead congregational participation such as the Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer. Their role is outlined by the Pastor.

January	George Hansen
February	Al Tate
March	Daniel Bofah
April	Jean Scott
May	Tania Hemans
June	Avril Lecky
July	
August	
September	JoAnn Edwards
October	Marcia Marsh Hinds
November	Yetunde Falowo
December	

United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

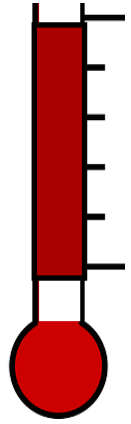
As of 4/1/2025 the total collected is \$14,128.82



The UPC administration committee wants to be certain all UPC members and friends are aware of the establishment of the Building Fund at UPC to which contributions can be made to help defray the cost of the maintenance of the facility which ensures the health and safety of the occupants of our facility.

This building fund originated in 2021. Our facility was built in 1952 and, despite our faithful maintenance efforts, the facility is showing the signs of 71 years of wear and tear. The performance of our investment accounts, collection of rental fees and the faithful and generous giving of our members and friends have provided the funds for our maintenance.

14,128



Our maintenance costs, however, are mounting to a point where we need to continue our appeal to the generosity of our church community and friends. Whether a UPC member or a friend of United, we ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Building Fund, where 100% of your contribution will be dedicated to defraying the cost of accomplishing United's goal of ensuring a healthy and safe facility.

Contributions to the Building Fund are welcome anytime and may be accomplished in the following ways:

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Administration Committee

United Presbyterian Church
upcnews525@gmail.com

ANNUAL

FLEA market



Saturday, June 7th, 2025 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
525 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060

JOIN US **Info: 732-742-8762**

Have you considered a bequest to United Presbyterian Church?

Over 60% of U.S. adults have no estate planning documents in place.

It has been reported that every week about \$100 million is left by people who die without a will.

Your greatest gift is often your legacy gift. People who have been blessed by the United Presbyterian Church have left legacy gifts through their estate. A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. As you create or update your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance, you can specify that a gift goes to United Presbyterian Church.



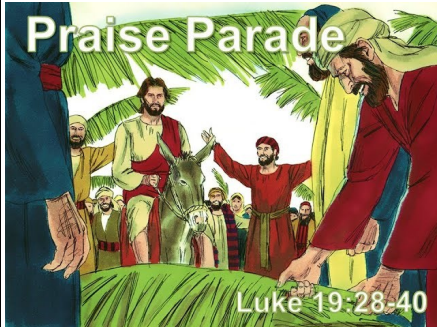
Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many individuals.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/11/67percent-of-americans-have-no-estate-plan-heres-how-to-get-started-on-one.html>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Parents, please read this to your younger child(ren)

Praise Parade



Theme: Jesus enters Jerusalem as King.

Object: Kazoos, pom poms, noisemakers, flags, drums, triangles, tambourines (anything that would be used to celebrate at a parade)

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Do you know what we are going to do this morning? We are going to have a parade! (Start passing out music instruments as you continue.) I brought a lot of musical instruments, noise makers, and flags — enough for everyone. What should we call our parade? How about the Praise Parade? We are going to have a Praise Parade for Jesus! (When you have finished passing out all of the instruments, lead the children in a parade around the room, through the hallway and back again.) Here we go, follow me. (Lead kids in shouting, "Hosannah!" and "Glory in the highest!")

Wow! That was exciting, wasn't it? There is hardly anything that is more fun and exciting than a parade. Have you ever been to a parade? Perhaps it was a circus parade, or a Christmas parade, but I am sure you have all been to a parade. Sometimes a parade is part of a really big celebration. Our parade today reminds me of something that took place in the city of Jerusalem about 2,000 years ago.

Jesus and His followers were traveling to the city of Jerusalem. The city was going to have a big celebration called Passover that would last for a whole week. Have you ever been to a party that lasted a whole week? As they were traveling, they came to a place called the Mount of Olives. They stopped there and Jesus gave His disciples some special instructions. "Go into that village over there," He told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that donkey?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So the disciples went and found the young donkey, just as Jesus had told them they would. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owner asked them, "Why are you untying that donkey?" Hmm...now what was it they were supposed to say? Right! They simply answered, "The Lord needs it."

The disciples took the young donkey to Jesus and they put coats on its back so that Jesus would have a nice, soft seat as He rode into town. Word spread quickly through the town that Jesus was coming. He had become quite famous because people had heard about His healing the sick and even raising the dead. As Jesus entered the town, a large crowd had gathered. People began to throw their coats on the road in front of Jesus. They cut branches from the palm trees and waved them and they began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

It must have been quite the parade as Jesus went through the streets of Jerusalem with everyone waving and cheering. (Invite kids to celebrate with their parade prop.) We call this celebration Palm Sunday. But as exciting as all this was, the people really did not know who Jesus was. They thought He was going to set up an earthly kingdom and that He would do great things for them here on earth. They did not understand that His kingdom was in heaven. In just a few days, these same people who were shouting, "Hosanna!" would be shouting, "Crucify Him!" because He wasn't the kind of king they wanted.

The Good News today is that Jesus is King. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Today we are here to praise Him and we shout, "Hosanna!" Do you know what that word means? It means "Save now!" That is why we shout hosanna, because Jesus saves — Jesus alone.



Dear Father, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. He is our hope and our salvation. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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The Triumphal Entry (2) - Coloring Page



Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!", "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:1-11)

Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)

The Easter Luke — Multiple Choice

Easter Sunrise Surprise



He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

Fill in the blanks. Answers are found in Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

- ___ 1. The women went to the _____ on the first day of the week. (vs. 1)
A. tomb B. crucified C. risen D. body
- ___ 2. It was very early in the _____. (vs. 1)
A. living B. stone C. morning D. risen
- ___ 3. They found the _____ rolled away from the tomb. (vs. 2)
A. crucified B. body C. stone D. morning
- ___ 4. They did not find the _____ of Jesus. (vs. 3)
A. stone B. tomb C. risen D. body
- ___ 5. "Why do you look for the _____ among the dead?" (vs. 5)
A. believe B. crucified C. living D. morning
- ___ 6. Jesus had told them he would be _____. (vs. 7)
A. risen B. living C. stone D. crucified
- ___ 7. "He is not here, he has _____." (vs. 6)
A. risen B. body C. believe D. living
- ___ 8. Some people did not _____ what the women told them. (vs. 11)
A. crucified B. stone C. living D. believe

Important:

Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to upcnews525@gmail.com. **Have information that you would like to share? A poem? A prayer request? A new child/grandchild? Send it!**

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SOUP KITCHENS/ PREPARED FOOD

St. Mary Church – 516 West Sixth Street: Sundays 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Grace's Kitchen – 600 Cleveland Ave: Last 5 days of the month 11:30 to 1:00 PM

Salvation Army 615 Watchung Avenue: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 12:00-1:00 PM

The Lord's Kitchen 515 West 4th Street: Wednesday & Thursday 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Muslim Community Soup Kitchen 321 Grant Avenue: Saturday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Mt. Olive Baptist Church 216 Liberty Street: 3rd Saturday 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue: Tuesday at 11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRIES

(non-perishable food- may include meat, bread & fresh vegetables)

Covenant United Methodist Church 631 East Front Street: Monday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

The Salvation Army 615 Watchung Avenue: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:30- 11:30AM

SHEELD/Shiloh Food Pantry 515 West 4th Street: 3rd & 4th Saturday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

New Covenant Church 225 East 7th Street: 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

& Farmers Market 1st Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Joanne Hollis Gardens Community Center - 543 W. Third St:

3rd Thursday (10:00 - 4:00 PM) (lunch break 12 PM to 1 PM)

Church of the Living God 434 E. 4th Street: 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Community Church of God 417 West 6th Street: 3rd Saturday 8:30 - 10:30 AM

El Centro Hispano Americano 525 East Front Street: Tuesday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bianca Flowers, Inc. 145 Park Avenue: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:00 AM - 12 Noon

Greater Refuge Church of Christ 600 Grant Avenue: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Plainfield YMCA Food Security Project Lot 7 near Scott Drugs:

Second and Fourth Thursday - 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church - Bag lunches every weekday, except Tuesdays
from 10am - 10:30am

Meals on Wheels

If you are in need of a home delivered meal and reside in Union County, you may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- 60 years or older -
- Unable to shop for yourself
- Unable to prepare a meal for yourself

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April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Communion Service 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 6:30-7:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 6:30-7:30PM LENTEN STUDIES 7:30pm Contemporary	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Youth Sunday PALM SUNDAY 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 6:30-7:30PM LENTEN STUDIES 7:30pm Session Mtg	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship 7:00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	7:30-8:30PM LENTEN STUDIES
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11am EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE In-person / Livestream ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	
27	28	29	30	1st Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday of Lent	3rd Sunday of Lent
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream Dedication Sunday	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion

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 Daily Devotion: <https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>
 Contemporary Serv: <https://bit.ly/3J7whly>
 Advent Studies: <https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>
 Book Club: <https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>

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	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream YOUTH SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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25	26	27	28	19	30	31	
11am Worship Service In-person / Livestream DEDICATION SUNDAY	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion MEMORIAL DAY	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion 7:30pm Contemporary Worship ASCENSION OF THE LORD	6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion		

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