



# Weekly Booster

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## Why do we observe Passion/Palm Sunday?

Many United Methodists have some memory of the Sunday leading into Holy Week as being primarily about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

The service might begin outdoors, weather permitting, with everyone given palms to wave as children lead a procession into the sanctuary. It may also feature a choir cantata based on themes from Holy Week. While a day of considerable joy, it might also be a day when the sermon may ask or lament how those who seemed to laud Jesus on Sunday could by Friday morning call for his execution.

This was Palm Sunday.

However, since the adoption of The United Methodist Book of Worship in 1992, this final Sunday in Lent has been known as Passion/Palm Sunday. Actions recalling the Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem are limited to an opening procession, while the main part of the service focuses on reading the lengthy story of the final passion (suffering) of Jesus in his betrayal, arrest, trial and execution. Often, the reading is the sermon. A shift from triumph and elation to horror and sorrow happens abruptly within this single service, setting a somber, solemn tone that continues through the rest of the week.

Why was this change made?

The first western Christian church to make this change was the Catholic Church. It did so as part of the many reforms in worship that came out of the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s. Vatican II approved this change and many others in response to the findings of decades of ecumenical scholarship in the history of Christian worship and the development of the Christian Year.

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*“And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.”*  
*Psalm 35:9*

## Reminders

### April 13th

Women's Bible Study  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.  
 Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

### April 14th

T.O.P.S.  
 4:30 p.m.

### April 14th

Maunday Thursday Supper  
 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### April 15th

Good Friday Service – 6:00 p.m.

### May 1st

Sisters in Faith Women's Spring Tea  
 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

**\*\*Worship Assistants needed  
 for April**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed  
 sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

**\*\*Choir members are needed to join  
 us on Wednesday nights at 6:45  
 p.m.**

### “The Story” Study Groups

Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.  
 All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

Books & Study Guides are still  
 available. Contact the office.

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That scholarship clarified that the early church created Lent primarily to be a time for intensive preparation of candidates for baptism culminating in an even more intensive time of preparation during Holy Week. Scripture readings for each Sunday in Lent had been selected to support the work of those preparing for baptism with their sponsors during the coming week. The church-wide intensification of practices of prayer, fasting, and ministry with those in need during these 40 days was intended to be a palpable, supportive example for those completing their preparation for baptism.

The situation of much of Christianity changed when Emperor Theodosius declared Christianity the legal religion of the Roman Empire (380 AD). What had been a minority religion within the Empire became the religion of nearly everyone in its reach within just a few decades. So, by the late sixth century, few people were being baptized as converts to the faith. They, and probably their parents and grandparents, were baptized as infants. There was little need any longer for Lent to function as a season to prepare converts for baptism because there were few if any converts to prepare.

In response to that reality, the Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and ministry with the poor had evolved into practices of general penitence among the baptized to help strengthen the spiritual lives of lifelong Christians. The strong connection of the Sunday readings with the purpose of preparing candidates for baptism became less focused as well.

The Protestant Reformations of the 16<sup>th</sup> century added more variety to the observances of Lent. Some traditions observed a day called “Passion Sunday” on the fifth Sunday of Lent, but with readings that focused on Jesus’ call to take up the cross and follow him, not his own passion (suffering). Palm Sunday observances might occur on either the Fifth or the Sixth Sunday of Lent. And both Catholic and some Protestant traditions either read or heard choral performances of Matthew’s version of the passion story of Jesus on the Sixth Sunday of Lent.

The ecumenical scholarship combined with the growing awareness that conversion to the faith had again become more prevalent led those meeting at Vatican II to call for a realignment of the Christian calendar and its observances to meet the challenges of this new normal. This included a modern recovery of the early church’s worship and formation practices during Lent for those preparing for baptism as converts. Readings for the first five weeks of Lent would focus on living in the way of Jesus. For the sixth Sunday, the beginning of the week of the most intense preparation, they combined a Palm Sunday processional with the reading of the passion of Jesus from one of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, or Luke). That flow created a greater emphasis on the gospel reading and a more dramatic segue for the entire church into the final and most intense week of preparation, Holy Week.

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## Church Office Hours

\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High  
Sunday School 10:15  
Questers (Adults) 10:30

\*\***Bell Choir** – Volunteer  
needed

\*\***Chancel Choir** –  
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church  
will be unlocked during  
office hours and closed only  
for errands and lunch.

**Monday**  
9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

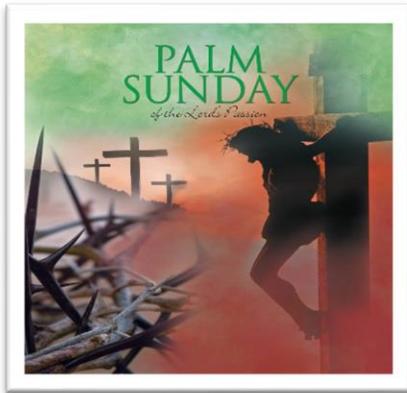
**Tuesday**  
9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

**Wednesday**  
CLOSED

**Thursday**  
9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

**Friday**  
9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in  
advance if you need in the  
church to make sure  
someone is in the office. If  
you reach the answering  
machine please leave  
your name, number, and  
a brief message and your  
call will be returned. Calls  
after 2:00 p.m. may be  
returned the next  
business day.



*“They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Bless is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” John 12:13*

**Book Your  
Appointment  
Online**



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste it into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



Why should the beloved be subject to every human institution according to the book of 1 Peter?

- a) because no one is above the law
- b) because of the Lord's sake
- c) So that the institutions can favor the church
- d) to avoid war

In the book of Ezra, where was Iddo a leading man?

- a) at Casiphia
- b) at Jerusalem
- c) at Zacharia
- d) at Dothan

**Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster**

How many times did Naaman dip himself in the Jordan?

- a) once
- b) twice
- c) three times
- d) seven times

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



11<sup>th</sup> – Jane Foster

12<sup>th</sup> – Roberta Overholser

14<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Blank

\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)

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Click on the link below by holding  
down the Ctrl button and click on  
the link <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader: What would you give the Lord if he needed it?**

**People: I will give my transportation!**

**L: What would you give the Lord if he needed it?**

**P: I will give my coat!**

**L: How will you prepare the way of the Lord?**

**P: I will give my testimony of his power!**

**L: How will you greet your Lord?**

**P: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**L: And if the world says be silent?**

**All: Let the stones be silent! We will shout Hosanna in the highest!**

“What a Difference a Week Makes”

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9

New Testament Scripture: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:28-40*

Songs

*Hosanna Loud Hosanna #278 (Hymnal)*

*Crown Him with Many Crowns #327 (Hymnal)*

*Who Is He #3082 (Green Book)*

*Were You There #288 (Hymnal)*

*Lamb of God #2113 (Black Book)*

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 68 - Online Worship – 18

Our Mission:

**“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”**

Our Vision:

**“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”**

**Answers for April 3<sup>rd</sup> c) salt a) Saul d) Darius**

There is now a new way to watch our live stream of the Sunday Worship Service. You can still watch through our Facebook page, but you now can also watch on our church website, [shen.church](https://shen.church), under the heading “Worship”. You will also notice the Facebook and YouTube icons on the right side of the main page of the website that you may click on for the service.



To those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

We are called to **be**, and to **make**, disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. How can we make disciples of Jesus if we are not prepared to answer the basic questions of why **we** are his disciples, of **what** we believe and **why** we believe it? If you are not ready with those answers, do some heart searching and study so that you will miss no opportunity to witness when someone asks why you do things differently than the world does them.

All for God's glory,

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In other words, the Catholic Church changed Palm Sunday to Passion/Palm Sunday in order to make their worship more clearly aligned with the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

The same ecumenical scholarship that influenced the changes made by Vatican II also influenced the development of new worship resources during the 1970s and beyond by the Protestant denominations involved in that scholarship. This included Methodists, Anglicans, Lutherans, and Presbyterians among others. The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) is the fullest flowering of this work among United Methodists. Daniel T. Benedict's 1997 book, "Come to the Waters," provides clear and accessible guidance so United Methodist congregations can use Lent and Holy Week as originally designed, to prepare candidates for baptism. Other ecumenical resources that draw on these resources are available as well.

So, while fond memories of Palm Sunday still may be held by many United Methodists, observing Passion/Palm Sunday, along with a refocused Lent, may better help us fulfill our stated mission: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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*Volunteering with  
Hospice*



AseraCare Hospice needs volunteers in our area to provide support to our terminally ill patients and their family. Volunteers can visit, read to the patient, participate in a favorite activity, or simply sit alongside them in their journey.

Volunteers are a vital part of the hospice care mission. They are provided with extensive training and continued support throughout the volunteer's tenure.

To sign up or find out more about this or other opportunities please contact: Jen Vogt, Volunteer Coordinator, 712-823-3959, [Jennifer.vogt@amedisys.com](mailto:Jennifer.vogt@amedisys.com).



Maundy Thursday service and dinner will be held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Good Friday Service, Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Sisters of Faith will be having a Women's Spring Tea on May 1, 2022. This will take place at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and come enjoy the fellowship.



**NO BREAKFAST** next Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
The monthly men's breakfast will be one week later than normal because of Easter Sunday. Men, mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 a.m. for devotion, fellowship, and breakfast.

What should congregations know about disaffiliation?

What should congregations know about disaffiliations? Go to [this link at the UMC website](#) to find out more information. You can also sign-up to receive other email notifications, like UM News Daily Digest and more.  
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-should-united-methodist-congregations-know-about-disaffiliation>



Join us next Sunday morning for Easter Sunrise Service starting at 6:30 a.m. Jesus is the reason for the season!