

*Welcome to Hope Ridge United Methodist Church
where our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, 10:30 AM

WELCOME: “We welcome others into a relationship...”

GATHERING MUSIC *Glorious Day* Praise Team
GREETING Pastor Jim Szakacs

INVITATION TO WORSHIP & CONNECT

Please login to the connection card online at hoperidge.com each Sunday to let us know you're here and to connect with ways to serve and ways the church can serve you! Also, we appreciate that you sign-in on the attendance clipboard each week.

KIDZ ZONE —*We invite Preschool and Elementary-age kids to sit together on the left side of the WFLC for the first 2 praise songs to use instruments and ribbons to celebrate the worship music. After the Lord's Prayer the children may return to their families or Nursery.*

WORSHIP: so that they can worship God, ...

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40 NIV Jeannie Nelson, Worship Leader
Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we prepare for the holiest of weeks. We will journey through praise, and travel through betrayal and death. Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, because he is the life and light that we long for.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we laying our love before him. He will set aside power, glory, and might, modeling humility and obedience for us. But now, we shout, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.”

OPENING SONG *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Jim Szakacs

NURTURE: be nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another...

SONG OF PREPARATION *Come to the Table* Praise Team

SCRIPTURE for PASTOR'S MESSAGE Mark 11:1-11 NIV see insert

MESSAGE *Blessed Is the One* Pastor Jim Szakacs

INVITATION & DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

As we come to this time of offering, let us be reminded that our discipleship involves more than what we bring to the altar. We are called to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything, is why we need the community of faith. Let us pray together this prayer of dedication: **God of grace, accept our offering, bless it and strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.**

OFFERING COLLECTION

We offer many convenient ways to support the ministries of Hope Ridge UMC. Offering baskets are at the doors as you exit the WFLC today and will also be passed during the service today. For credit or debit card donations, the Giving Kiosk cart is set up in the lobby. For other electronic giving options, please see our website page hoperidge.com/donate.

TRANSITION TO HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY PRAYER TO BEGIN HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, you sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever, Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

+ GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The United Methodist Church practices an “open table,” which means:

“Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another.”

Today, we will offer bread cut from one loaf, and juice in disposable cups. Individual, pre-filled, wafer and juice sealed cups are also available.

THE LORD'S PRAYER see insert

LITURGY FOR THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK see insert

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name.”

+ CLOSING SONG *How Great Is Our God* Praise Team

+ BENEDICTION Pastor Jim Szakacs

+ SENDING FORTH

+please stand as you are physically able, or spiritually led.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Find a complete list of activities at hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown

WELCOME! We're glad you're here! Please fill out an online Connect Card each week at hoperidge.com whether worshipping in-person or online. And when in-person, please also sign-in at the Welcome Table clipboard to let us know you're here and note if you need a nametag.

SNEAKER DRIVE--Bring your old athletic shoes to be recycled. Funds raised by Good Deeds Ohio will support [The SubZero Mission!](#)

Coming in April—a 4-week online **Zoom study** with facilitator Laurie Rider on Wednesdays, from **April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 from 7-8PM**. The discussion will be centered around the video *Me and My Big Mouth!* with Pastor Andy Stanley. All adults welcome--Great for folks short on time! Interested? Contact Laurie Rider or Lori@hoperidge.com in the office for the zoom link.

THE HUGE ANNUAL HOPE RIDGE RUMMAGE SALE is scheduled to happen on May 31 and June 1st! Mark your calendar now to **bring awesome donations** May 26-May 29, and if you are able, **plan to help** with sorting and pricing during that week. See Carol Benroth for details

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Register your children age 4 thru 4th grade for a fun week July 22-26 from 9AM-NOON, \$30 per child includes materials and snack. Scholarships available. Register at Hoperidge.com/VBS. Want to help? The next Volunteer meeting is Sun, April 21 at 11:45AM in the Conference Room. See Yvonne@hoperidge.com with questions.

INFOTALK: WED, APRIL 17, 7:30PM Preventing Identity Theft, with guest speaker Richard Warner, who has been the lead investigator for the Geauga County Prosecutors Office since 2016.

LAY SERVANT TRAINING- April 27, 8AM— 6PM at Mayfield UMC, 7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland, 44026. Several courses will be offered: *Basic Lay Servant Training* will run at the same time as two Advanced courses: *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts* and *Lay Servants Lead in Conflict*. Registration due by April 13. Details and registration links at hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown.



HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
all in the WFLC (Worship & Family Life Center)

Maundy Thursday/ March 28 @ 7PM
Good Friday/ March 29 @ 7PM
Easter Celebration March 31, 10:30AM One service

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, UMH 881

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Tech Team: Gary Baptie; Paul Baptie; Jason & Lauren Baxter; Karoline Ferencak; Alexandra Timura; Jerry Tindall
Nursery Attendants: Sydney Mina; Julia Barrow

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MARK 11:1-11 NIV

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They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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.

LITURGY FOR THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

One: Here we are God, the crowd has thinned out, it is eerily quiet;

Many: The air has shifted, the palms have been trampled, the sky is gray;

One: The joy has disappeared, the voices of victory are silent;

Many: The celebration for the arrival

of our long-awaited Messianic Hope is waning;

One: The road ahead is long, but we are able!

It is the way of suffering, we are able!

Many: Mold us and make us like Thee divine.

One: Even in our human frailty, You are still good!

Many: Even in our doubts, You are still good!

One: Even in the face of betrayal, You are still good!

All: And Your goodness never ends, AMEN!

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