

Living Our Faith

April 2, 2023 — 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

Palm Sunday



Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

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Thought for the Day

“Teach us to give and not to count the cost.”

– Saint Ignatius

Prelude 8:30 *The Royal Banners Forward Go*

Robert J. Powell

10:00 *Toccata in B Minor*

Eugene Gigout

Celebration for Palm Sunday

Alexandre Guilmant

Let us assume an attitude of worship during the prelude.

Gathering Tolling of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register at the end of the pew.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

Let us come into worship, shouting our hosannas.

Let us come into church, singing our songs of praise.

Let us come into the presence of Jesus the Christ, giving thanks for our Messiah.

Come amongst us, by your Spirit, Holy God.

– leedsnandemethodist.org.uk

*10:00 A Moment for Children and Palm Processional

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time with Pastor John. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers. Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

8:30 Hymn #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

10:00 Anthem *Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!*

Mark Hayes

Zach Fitzgerald, trumpet

Prayer of Confession

O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout “hosanna” as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close — not close enough to really see. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear and prepare us to remain faithful though the hosannas and the trials. Amen.

– umcdiscipleship.org

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal #895

Community Prayers

*Reading of the Holy Scripture — Matthew 21:1–11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. ² He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.” He sent them off right away. ⁴ Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, ⁵ Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.” ⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

⁸ Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. ¹¹ The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

***10:00 Hymn #278** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Sermon “The Lord Needs You”

Pastor Claude

A Stewardship Moment

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:30 *Vision*
10:00 *Altair*
Zach Fitzgerald, trumpet

Henry Dunham
Vander Cook

***Doxology** Hymnal #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion — Hymnal p. 13–14

Sharing the Break and Cup of Christ

Prayer after Receiving — in Unison, Hymnal p. 11

***Hymn #280** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

***Benediction**

Postlude 8:30 *Toccata*
10:00 *Grand Choeur in D Major*

Henry Dunham
Alexandre Guilmant

Please rise as you are able.

Notes: **Bold** text indicates congregational response. Hymnal refers to the red hymnal in the pew holders. Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the balcony from the ushers.

Please note that the 10:00 a.m. worship service is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.





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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Spring Cleaning Bucket Brigade

Today is the last day to return your filled spring cleaning bucket. Thank you for donating!

Outreach Giving in 2023

This morning you will find Easter offering envelopes in the pew holders. Offerings received will be used to support the outreach work of our church. You may also give online – visit dgfumc.org/giving.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 7; 8:30 p.m.

All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to to a Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 7 at 8:30 p.m. The fun begins in the Youth Room! Pastor Andi is looking for two or three more adults to help supervise. If interested, email andi@dgfumc.org.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8; 9:00 a.m.

Grab your Easter basket and hop on over to hunt for eggs! All children ages infant – sixth grade are invited. Bring the entire family and a friend to enjoy some fellowship. The fun begins in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. sharp for this fast-moving event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peals of Adoration Worship Presentation

Sunday, April 16; 10:00 a.m.

Our handbell musicians invite you to celebrate a joyful program of uplifting anthems and historic hymn tunes. These are wonderfully set in imaginative and colorful ways. We will all join in ringing and singing together on *When in Our Music God is Glorified* and *The Church's One Foundation*. Join us for a Sunday of memorable music and worship!

Children's Cantata

Sunday, April 23; 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, April 23 when our children's choirs come together to present *The Agape League*, a timeless story that brings together the superhero genre with the life-changing truth of God's word and the fruit of the spirit. You won't want to miss it!

Assisting in Our Services Today

Music 8:15 Elizabeth Vaughan, Chapel Organist
10:00 Diane Hires, Chancel Choir Director
Pattie Barnes, Sanctuary Organist
Lay Reader 8:30 Kay Miller
10:00 Barbara Pickett
Audio-Visual Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins, Sam Brockway

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Stations of the Cross available all week in Rm 202!

Sunday, April 2 — Palm Sunday

8:30 am – Worship Service – Chapel
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 pm – Finance Meeting – Rm 202

Wednesday, April 5

10:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor
4:30 pm – Angel Choir Rehearsal – Rm 16
5:00 pm – Family Dinner – Gym
5:00 pm – Cherub Choir Rehearsal – CH
5:00 pm – Chorister & Connection Choir Reh. – FH

Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary
8:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – FH

Friday, April 7

7:00 pm – Good Friday Service – Sanctuary
8:30 pm – Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt – YR

Saturday, April 8

9:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt – Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9 — Easter Sunday

8:30 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 am – Messy Church – Gym

CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

Holy Week Service Schedule

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 7:00 p.m. – Communion Service

Good Friday

April 7 at 7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday

April 9

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

All services (except 8:30 a.m.) are online also.

Chancel Choir Presents *Jubilate Deo*

Sunday, May 7; 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Save the date for the Chancel Choir for *Jubilante Deo*, a stunning global celebration of joy featuring incredible soloists and an 18-piece chamber orchestra.