



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!
Thank you for joining us, we're happy you are here.

Please make sure to sign-in in the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

Congregation reads text in bold print

In our liturgy, A: is all our voices. L: is the liturgist's voice P: is the Pastor's voice

Pre-Service Music ~ 9:55 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Youth Acolyte &
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Live stream begins

Prelude

"All Glory Be to God on High"
by Zachau

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Call to Worship**

Deb Boland, Liturgist

L: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,

A: riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.

L: Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.

A: Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!

L: Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

A: Hosanna, come and save us!

***Hymn**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 192

*The Young People may process with the Palms during the opening hymn
Please feel free to wave your palm ~ as all are included from your pews in the procession!*

***Invocation**

A: Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, “Hosanna in the highest!” Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: Let us call to mind our need for change, openness, and greater love.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way and we confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

P: Dear ones, embrace this word with courage. Leave your fear behind, for it does not have the last word and does not have to be the donkey you ride in on. God offers you the way of hope, humility, and hosannas. Rest in the assurance that you are forgiven and embraced in God’s tender arms of love. Amen.

***Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)**

No. 35

**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.**

Please be seated.

Time for Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Young People's Message!

All young people are invited to come forward for their own special time with the Pastor.

Young people may go to Sunday School

Tammi Hart

Responsive Storytelling for Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11

L: They were looking for answers. So, they went to Jerusalem. They gathered in the streets to make a way for peace. On the other side of the city, there was another procession. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, rode into Jerusalem with an army of horses, armored soldiers and waving banners.

A: On the other side of the city, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus had sent two of his disciples to go into the village and find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. He instructed them, "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

L: 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,

A: "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They replied with the answer Jesus had given. "The Lord needs it," they said.

L: Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

A: Then those who needed answers, those who had come looking for peace, began 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!"

L: Come. Join in the parade, you who need answers, you who came looking for peace.

Choir Anthem***"Power of the Cross"***

by King

Responsive Storytelling for Passion Sunday Mark 14:1-9

L: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

A: They were looking for their own answers. They thought they knew how the world worked. While they worried, Jesus sat at the table in the house of Simon the leper.

A woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.

L: But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.”

A: And they scolded her. She did not reply. She continued with her task. She did what she could; she anointed his body beforehand for its burial. Jesus spoke, where she did not. “Truly I tell you,” he said. “Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

L: Come. Kneel beside her. Do not speak but remember what your hands have done to proclaim the good news.

Message

“Turn Your Hearts”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith – “The Apostles’ Creed”**

All speak together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn*

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

No. 190

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's act of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips.

***Doxology (Praise)**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

A: God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and Amen.

Responsive Reading of the Last Supper

Mark 14:10-25

L: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

A: They didn't understand his way. They didn't understand all that he taught but when it came time to share in the Passover feast, they turned to Jesus. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

L: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

A: The disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating,

L: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

A: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?"

L: He said to them, those looking for answers, those who came looking for peace, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man, the Human One, goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Human One is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

A: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

L: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

A: Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

L: Come. Find your place at this table, you who need answers, you who came looking for peace. God has given Himself for us!

*Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

No. 191

***Benediction**

P: People of God, raise your branches high. Sing with shouts of joy. For Jesus has not only entered the city of Jerusalem, but into the hearts of those who are willing to walk in his ways. Go forth not in fear, but in the courage and hope of God our Creator, Jesus our Brother, and the Holy Spirit our Liberator. Amen.

*Benediction Response

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!

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Announcements



Easter Breakfast

We will once again host an Easter breakfast for you and your families. This will once again be a free-will donation. The offerings are bacon, egg and cheese casserole, sausage, egg and cheese casserole, or french toast casserole. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Communication Board this Sunday. You may also call the office to make a reservation and your choice of offering.

Mission Statement

St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ

Be the lighthouse of the community, letting Christ's life flow through us as a beacon of hope and strength to others.

To enlighten the entire church family on the values of participation and commitment

Offer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us

Light the way for the community, as we serve God and reach out to minister

Offer support and care for one another, with grace

Visit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

Encourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love

Join us for

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship

APRIL 17TH

7:00 PM

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC
3001 QUEEN CITY AVE



APRIL 18TH, 2025

2:00 PM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

7:00 PM - TENEBRAE SERVICE



**GOOD
FRIDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE**

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COMMUNITY MEAL

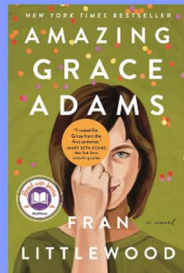
Come and get it...

APRIL 19TH 10:30 - 12:00

- Home Cooked Meal
- Free Bag of Food to Take Home
- Clothing and Housewares (when available)
- Friends & Fellowship – All are welcome



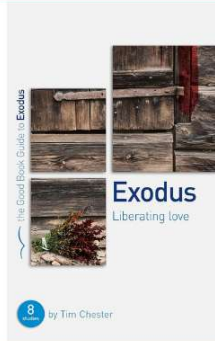
*Monthly Book
Club*



APRIL 23RD
5:30 - 7:30 PM
(4TH WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH)
ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC
3001 QUEEN CITY AVE.

Ladies Bible Study

A gathering that encourages deep spiritual conversations and reflections among women.



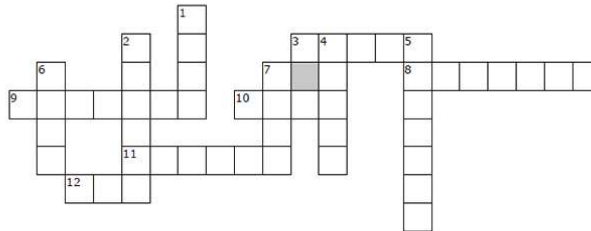
Exodus is the story of a bush on fire that never burns up, an unarmed shepherd facing the most powerful man on earth, a nation walking through a sea, storms, earthquakes and more. But, as these eight studies show, it is supremely the story of the God who reveals himself, triumphs over his enemies, and rescues, guides, rules, forgives and lives with his people and who in all this points forward to a still greater, more thrilling act of liberation.

**8 WEEK STUDY
STARTING
WEDNESDAY
APRIL 30TH -
JUNE 18TH
3:00 - 5:00 PM**

EXODUS: LIBERATING LOVE PAPERBACK - BY TIM CHESTER

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)



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

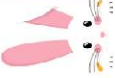

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING



APRIL 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	2 Lenten Bible Study - 5-7 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	3	4	5 Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 - 3:30 pm 
6 Church & Ministry - 11:am F.H. Communion	7	8 Property - 7pm - Par.	9 Lenten Bible Study - 5-7 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	10 Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	11 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	12
13	14	15 Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	16 Lenten Bible Study - 5-7 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	17 Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 Communion	18 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library Good Friday Service - 2:00 - Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm	19 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
20 Easter Breakfast - 8:30 am F.H. 	21	22 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	23 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	24	25 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	26
27	28	29	30 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary			