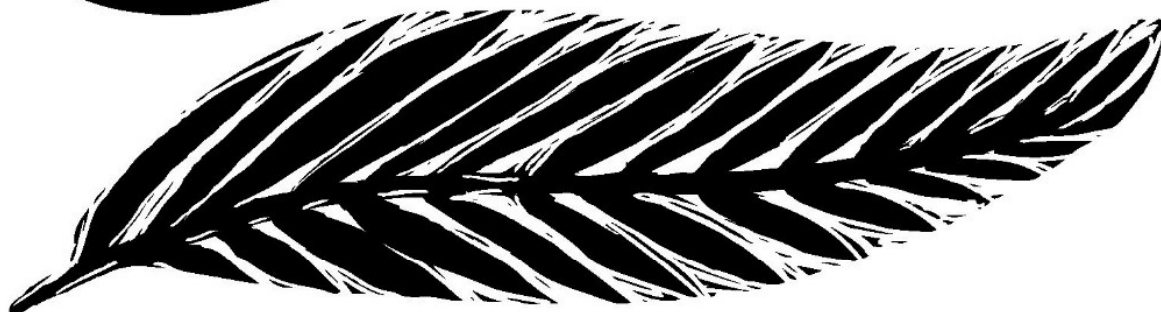


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SUNDAY

IN LENT

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service**  
**February 25, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

### Prelude:

### Call to Worship:

Leader: In promise and covenant, God calls.

**People: In hope and trust, we respond.**

Leader: In love and faithfulness, God saves.

**People: In gratitude and joy, we come.**

Leader: Let us worship and praise God's holy name.

### Opening Prayer

**\*Song of Praise** (please stand): *"Jesus, Draw Me Close"*

Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
Let the world around me fade away  
Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
For I desire to worship and obey

**Song of Praise:** *"At the Cross"*

#### Verse 1

Oh Lord You've searched me  
You know my way  
Even when I fail You  
I know You love me

#### Verse 2

Your holy presence  
Surrounding me  
In every season  
I know You love me  
I know You love me

#### Chorus

At the cross I bow my knee  
Where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this  
You have overcome the grave  
Your glory fills the highest place  
What can separate me now

#### Verse 3

You go before me  
You shield my way  
Your hand upholds me  
I know You love me  
I know You love me

#### Bridge

You tore the veil You made a way  
When You said that it is done  
You tore the veil You made a way  
When You said that it is done

#### Verse 4

And when the earth fades  
Falls from my eyes  
And You stand before me  
I know You love me  
I know You love me

**Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:13-25**

**Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart:** Jenn Harmer

**Hymn of Preparation** (please stand): *“Be Still, My Soul”* (UMH 534)

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Sermon**

**Worship God with Tithes and Offering**

**Offertory Anthem:** *“I've Just Come From the Fountain”* Spiritual

**Doxology** (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluiah, Alleluiah  
Praise God the source of all our gifts;  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah

**Silent Prayer and 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.**

**\*Closing Hymn** (please stand): *“Standing on the Promises”* (UMH 374)

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*



***The flowers on the altar are given by Margaret Slomin to the glory of God  
and in memory of our beloved son Adam.***

***LEADING WORSHIP – Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor***

***HELPING IN WORSHIP***

Acolyte	
Liturgist	Laura Gabor
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Cheryl Cass, Linda McCluskey

***Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.*** We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

***We want to be your family of faith.*** We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org).

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Tuesday, March 12 – Fellowship Discovery Luncheon @ 12pm  
Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Cross Making @ 4:30pm  
Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring  
Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Movie Night @ 6pm  
Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday  
Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Worship Service @ 7pm  
Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service @ 7pm  
Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service @ 7pm  
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Seder & Worship Service  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service  
Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter

## ***REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS***

**Our members:** Steve Allen, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordan, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Fred Jackson, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Betty Longobardi, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Arnette Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

**Friends of our church in your prayers:** Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Debra Greiner, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Joe Pollen, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Robert Thompson-Gee, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Raymond White, Clifford Zier. The people in Ukraine.

**Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers:** Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, stationed in Syria; Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

## **Announcements**

**To Those with Little Ones:** Room 36 (upstairs in the education wing) is available as a toddler room with toys and a TV that is tuned into the worship service. There is also a changing table.

**Vacation Bible School will take place on the evenings of July 8 – 10 (3 days).** Volunteers are needed! We are in need of several adult volunteers who would like be assistants during the activities (which means no pre-planning!). Contact Angela if you might be interested.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** We are planning another trip to Lancaster, PA to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre. The trip is planned for October 25 and 26. More to follow!

**We have found several musical instruments** and some pieces of electronic equipment that have been left at the church. If any of these things belong to and you would like them back please let the office know and you can take them home.

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE** - MARCH 14, 2024 @ 7pm. ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH 118 CEDAR VALLEY ROAD POUGHKEEPSIE, NY- All are invited to this Lenten Prayer Service inspired by the Ecumenical Taizé Community in France. Simple and repetitive chants, Scripture, private and public intercessions and long periods of silent prayer, all together provide a meditative space for Christians of all denominations in our preparation for Easter. A time for refreshments and conversation will follow the prayer service. All are invited.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5-7pm** **Corned Beef! Ham! Potatoes, Cabbage, & Carrots! Irish Soda Bread! Dessert!** Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping (shopping, cooking, serving cleaning).

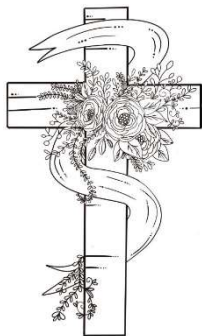
**Would you like to learn how to weave palms for the palm cross that has traditionally been on the altar for Palm Sunday?** Anne Bierce will be holding a class on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm. The cross will then be on the altar for Palm Sunday. Adults and children are invited.

**Easter Movie Night** - Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4pm. Join us at PUMC for an Easter Movie Night. We will be watching VeggieTales: An Easter Carol. We will also have craftes, games, and snacks available.

**During the month of March the Sunday School** will be collecting toiletry items for Grace Smith House, a woman and children's shelter in Poughkeepsie. They are especially in need of shampoo and conditioner (for all hair types), hair spray, gel, body wash, and toilet paper. Contact Angela for more information.



**Our March Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 12 @ 12PM.** Please let us know (by Thursday, March 7) if you plan to attend by scanning the QR code or as always you can contact the office.



*Easter Flower Ordering Form:  
Deadline to order Monday, March 11*

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$13.00 each

I will take my flowers after the 10:00 am Service on Easter Sunday YES NO

Return this form to the church office or call 452-2933 to order.



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Holy Week Services - 2024

These services arose out of a heartfelt need to deepen the experience of Holy Week by connecting with and relating to the human side of Christ's struggle as he journeyed to the cross. Too often, the average worshiper

leaves Palm Sunday to return on Resurrection Sunday with only the barest of hints of the drama of the week before. Essentially, we go from celebration to celebration, not connecting and dwelling on the total emotional and painful price God paid us during Holy Week.

These services are more guided meditation encounters. The music is calm and reflective. The tone of the service is subdued. The leader is not the focus. We center on the Christ candle as it makes its way through the week to finally find its resting place on the altar on Good Friday. At the end of Good Friday's service, it is extinguished as the flame of life leaves our Savior dead in a tomb. I have found that I can only celebrate Easter by trying to feel Holy Week through the scriptures.

Every service will start at 7:00 PM. Monday through Wednesday, services will last about a half hour. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be a bit longer. There are very few elements of the traditional worship services of Sunday morning: we gather to sing, pray, read scripture, hear some context for the day, and walk with our Lord during His most painful days. It is that simple.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK		
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> March 24	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Mk 11:1-11 Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839) Phil 2:5-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39 (40-47)
<b>HOLY MONDAY</b> March 25	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Exodus 1:1-22 Mark 11:12-19
<b>HOLY TUESDAY</b> March 26	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Exodus 2:1-25 Mark 11:20-13:37
<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> March 27	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Exodus 3:1-22 Mark 14:1-11
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> March 28	<b>Worship Service (Communion) 7:30 PM</b>	Exodus 4:18-5:23 Mark 14:12-72
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> March 29	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Isa 52:13-53:12 Ps 22 (UMH 752) Heb 10:16-25 Mark 15:1-47
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> March 30	<b>No Services</b>	Ex 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Rom 6:3-11 Mark 16:1-8
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> March 31	<b>Sunrise: 6:30 AM 10:00 AM</b>	Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) 1 Cor 15:1-11 Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8



# Call For Entries

## Love INC Showcase of Talent

**Saturday, April 20**  
**7 - 9 pm**

**The Gathering at Faith Assembly**  
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Questions? Contact Patricia Owen at 845-232-0307  
or [LoveINCShowcase@mhinc.org](mailto:LoveINCShowcase@mhinc.org)

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# Opportunities for You This Week

## SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer  
8:45 Coffee w/ Jesus  
10:00 Worship Service  
Sunday School  
11:15 Fellowship  
Moms Group  
2:00 pm Parkside AA  
6:00 Youth Group

## MONDAY, February 26, 2024

9:00 am Monday Study Group  
10:00 Exercise  
6:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous

## TUESDAY, February 27, 2024

10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study  
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group  
5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30 Joyful Ringers

## WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

7:30 am Morning Prayers  
7:00 Trustees

## THURSDAY, February 29, 2024

5:00 pm PP Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Choir

## FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

10:00 am Exercise

## SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

### Homeless Shelter

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous  
10:30 Love INC Class

## SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

### Communion

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer  
8:45 Coffee w/ Jesus  
10:00 Worship Service  
Sunday School  
11:15 Fellowship  
Halo Bells  
2:00 pm Parkside AA  
6:00 Youth Group

### **Jesus Draw Me Close**

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### **At the Cross**

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### **Be Still, My Soul**

Words: Katharine von Schlegel

Music: Jean Sibelius

### **Standing on the Promises**

Words: R. Kelso Carter

Music: R. Kelso Carter