

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to our God, who is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: For Christ has opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter.

Leader: He has emptied himself for love of us. Christ took human form, that we might know we are known.

People: Holy One, you are our God, and we give thanks to you.

Leader: We give thanks to our God, who is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Parade of Palms (please stand) *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* (UMH 278)

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

*Song of Praise (please stand): *"Hosanna"*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You;
we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;
we long for You.
'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed
away, washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves
us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You;
we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new.
'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed
away, washed away.

Song of Praise: "He is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

Mark 14:27-31

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart:

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* (UMH 280)

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem: *"The Simplest and the Best Hosanna!"*

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): “To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” (UMH 285)**

1 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now,
how glorious is that crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.

2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak;
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.

They could not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame,
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.

3 A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.
They could not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

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***The flowers on the altar are given by Will Cass in honor of Cheryl’s Birthday  
and by Priscilla Bird Wendover in memory of her mother, Mary A. Bird***

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

***HELPING IN WORSHIP***

Acolyte  
Liturgist Heidi Mills  
Head Usher Will Cass  
Ushers Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, 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:**

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Worship Service @ 7pm  
Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service @ 7pm  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service @ 7pm  
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Worship Service @ 7pm  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service @ 7pm  
Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Walk @ 9am  
Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:30am  
Easter Worship Service @ 10am  
Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Begin Collection for Tag Sale  
Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Journey Deadline  
Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Spring Tag Sale @ 12pm – 6pm  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Tag Sale @ 8am – 4pm

### **REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our members:** Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Janet Cole, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, 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, Duane Lueng, 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**

**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!

### **HVBB FUNDRAISING GALA- April 13<sup>th</sup> - Hosted at: Mariapolis Luminosa- Hyde Park, NY**

The Gala is our single largest and most important fundraiser. Please consider joining us for a fun night of stories, friends, food and of course... a competition culminating event. It is \$45/person, which includes: Appetizers, dinner, and dessert! Registration forms are due April 1st! Any questions, please contact Sarah Hicks ([shhhicks511@gmail.com](mailto:shhhicks511@gmail.com))!

**Somber Prayer Walk** - Join us on **Saturday, March 30 @ 9am** for a quiet and introspective prayer walk around the church and the grounds that will focus on the tragedy and the miracle of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

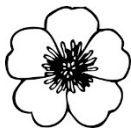
**Prayer List in the Bulletin** – Please take a moment and review the prayer list that is on the back cover of the bulletin. Contact the office if you see any names that shouldn't be there or if there is any missing names.

**Soaking Prayer** – On the last Sunday of every month the Prayer Team offers Soaking Prayer in place of the Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am.

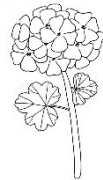
**A very special THANK YOU to all that donated to the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center last week.** The generosity demonstrated by this congregation is overwhelmingly and touching. Over \$1,000 in funds were received for HTASC! Incredible! On behalf of the Board, the staff and the children, THANK YOU! -Barb Adams

**Bishop Bickerton to Visit NYCT:** Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will meet with the clergy and laity of the New York - Connecticut District on Monday, April 8. Shrub Oak UMC will be hosting this event: 1176 E Main St., Shrub Oak NY 10588. Registration is required by April 3. Contact the church office for more information.

## POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



**Bouquet of Anemones for \$15  
Potted Geranium for \$12**



**Pick-up in Fellowship Hall:  
Saturday May 11 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
Sunday May 12 - after service**

**Please Pre-Order your Flowers by Sunday, April 28  
with the order form below.**

**Please make checks payable to: PUMC  
Write "Mother's Day Flowers" in memo line.**

**All Proceeds go towards PUMC Missions Projects**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up day:** \_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_ Sunday

|                 | Price per unit | Number of units     | Subtotal | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|-------|
| Anemone Bouquet | \$15           | x _____             | \$       | \$    |
| Potted Geranium | \$12           | x _____<br>RED/PINK | \$       |       |



## Vacation Bible School

Mon, July 8 – Wed, July 10 @ 5pm – 8pm

Dinner Included

Cost: \$30 per family

There will also be an adult class  
led by Pastor Kregg.



### Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 24 @ 10am - Palm Sunday Service

March 25 @ 7pm - Holy Monday Service

March 26 @ 7pm - Holy Tuesday Service

March 27 @ 7pm - Holy Wednesday Service

March 28 @ 7pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service

March 29 @ 7pm - Good Friday Worship Service

March 30 @ 9am - Somber Prayer Walk Around the Church

March 31 @ 6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service

10:00am - Easter Worship Service

## POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPRING TAG SALE



Save the Date:

Friday April 19 - Noon to 6:00 pm

Saturday April 20 - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

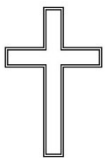


**Call for Donations** - Please drop off donations starting April 6, 2024 in  
Fellowship Hall

**Please do not donate the following:** - Electronics - Upholstered  
Furniture - Exercise Equipment - Baby Cribs - Stuffed Animals - VHS tapes

**Call for volunteers** - if you want to help with the sale, please contact the  
church office or reach out to Dale Borchert at [daleborchert@gmail.com](mailto:daleborchert@gmail.com)

**All Proceeds go towards PUMC Missions  
Projects**





# Opportunities for You This Week

## SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

### Palm Sunday

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

## MONDAY, March 25, 2024

- 9:00 am Monday Study Group  
10:00 Exercise  
6:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous  
7:00 Worship Service

## TUESDAY, March 26, 2024

- 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study  
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group  
5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Worship Service

## WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2023

- 7:30 am Morning Prayers  
7:00 pm Worship Service

### **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

LYRICS: Jeanette Threlfall

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*

### **Change My Heart O God**

CCLI Song # 4662491

Brenton Brown | Paul Baloche

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### **He is Exalted**

CCLI Song # 17827

Twila Paris

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

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### **This is a Day of New Beginnings**

LYRICS: Fred Pratt Green

MUSIC: English Melody

## THURSDAY, March 28, 2024

### Maundy Thursday

- 5:00 pm PP Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Worship Service

## FRIDAY, March 29, 2024

### Good Friday

- 10:00 am Exercise  
7:00 pm Worship Service

## SATURDAY, March 30, 2024

- 8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous  
9:00 Prayer Walk  
10:30 Love INC Class

## SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

### Easter

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:15 Fellowship  
2:00 pm Parkside AA