

# W E L C O M E



## Palm Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

♪ UMH160 Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome church and visitors on the live channels!
- Holy Week starts today. There will be a Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday services, both at 6pm this week. There will be a Sunrise service next Sunday at 6:15 am at Kent Narrows Pavillion. Join us in the most important events in Christianity.
- Egg Hunt follows the worship service next Sunday. Spread the word!
- The confirmation class resumes next Saturday, April 19, at Immanuel, 9:30-11:30. Please continue to pray for the class meeting at Bryan & Immanuel churches.
- All Ages Sunday School meets next Sunday, at 9 am Invite youth to our new Sunday class.
- Happy Anniversaries?
- Happy Birthdays?

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>i</sup>

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## PASSING THE PEACE

♪ UMH 277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

## SHARING YOUR JOYS

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

(Please provide in writing, to prevent spelling errors. Names will be on the list for one month, unless otherwise notified.)

### **For healing:**

Ann Decomo  
Bob Bakeoven  
Leroy MacNeil (Bo)  
Charles Bennett  
Chris Turner  
Jim Barnette  
Josephine West  
Michael Messersmith  
Michelle Hoffmaster  
Mike Dulin  
Nadia Schlothauer  
Rick Bassett  
Robie Weber  
Yvonne Quimby and family

### **Peace & Comfort:**

Frank Austin's family  
Dorothy Capel and family  
Joe Bryant's family  
Jim Lyon's family  
Roy Castle's family

### **Other prayers:**

For the homeless & needy, for safety  
Our nation, for peace  
Safety of our schools

♪ UMH 278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (ALL PLEASE JOIN)

**Loving God, open our hearts to embrace your Word.  
Silence any voices within us that are not yours, allowing us  
to both hear and act upon your Word; through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READ<sup>1</sup>: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-25

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.  
<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.  
<sup>25</sup> Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 2:5-8 (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:28-40

(all who are able are invited to stand)

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "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. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As

they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> 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: <sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

## SERMON: On Palm Sunday

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, with the psalmist, we declare, “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!” But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in**

**heaven. With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, “Order them to stop!” But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. Amen.**

♪ UMH 280 All Glory Laud and Honor

### THE OFFERING TIME

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### BENEDICTION

Join us for refreshments at the fellowship hall.

Participant/s at today’s service (Thank you!):

Announcer: Melanie Drake

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim Pugh

Reader: Joe Wojtecki

Pianist: Sue Leonard

Attendance/Virtual Views last Sundays:

At church:	4/6: TBD	3/30: 37	3/23: 37	3/16: 35
Facebook/YouTube	4/6: 15/4	3/30: 15/3	3/16: 17/6	3/16: 9/1

Scan QR code and visit Immanuel's webpage.



<sup>1</sup>All Scriptures from the NIV Version Bible, unless otherwise indicated.

**DAILY READING**

APRIL 2025: Assurance of Hope in Christ Jesus

- 13 Luke 19:28–48
- 14 Luke 20:1–18
- 15 Luke 20:19–47
- 16 Luke 22:1–30
- 17 Luke 22:31–71
- 18 Luke 23:1–43
- 19 Luke 23:44–56
- 20 Luke 24:1–12
- 21 Luke 24:13–35

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## 2025 Calendar of Mayor Events

Joint Confirmation class w. Bryan/JW	Saturdays March 15 –29; 4/19-4/26
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 13, 10 am
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, April 17th, 6pm
Good Friday "Way of The Cross"	April 18, 6pm; starts in the parking lot
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday, April 20, 6:15 am
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 20, 10 am
VBS Pre-registration	Sunday April 20
241 <sup>th</sup> Pen-Del Annual Conf., Ocean City	May 20 – May 23, 2025
Vacation Bible School	July 17 to 20
Labor Day Parade	Monday, Sept. 1
Movie Night	Dates to announce
Coffee House	Dates to announce
“Noah” Trip to Lancaster, \$180 fee due 8/1.	September 18, 7:30
Coffee House w. Bryan Church	September, date to announce
Charge Conference 2025	DS to assign date
Pet's Day	October , date to announce
Trunk or Treat	October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 6pm
Candlelight Service	Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 8pm

### More Notes:

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<sup>i</sup> Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.