

SENDING

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** “Ride on! Ride On in Majesty!”

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp, ride onto die:  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for April 5 (Easter): Matthew 28:1-10



**OHIO UNITED**  
*Presbyterian Church*



*Loving God;  
Loving Neighbors;*

*Helping Our Neighbors to Love God*

**March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Skye Lanham

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Patti Strominger

**(Psalm 118:26; Zechariah 9:9)**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Humble and riding on a donkey,

**On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

**Your Son Jesus fulfilled the prophets' words and entered the city of Jerusalem, where he was lifted high upon the cross, that the whole world might be drawn to him. By his suffering and death he defeated the power of death becoming the source of eternal life. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, life has been restored.**

**\*HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

*Silence is kept for a time of personal confession*

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace, **Amen**

**\*RESPONSE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I’m so glad you’re in my life.

I’m so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift your name on high.

## **HEARING THE WORD**

## **PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**ANTHEM** “Let the Stones Shout”

**CHILDREN’S CHAT** – Congregation Well Collection

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

*Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 21:1-11

**SERMON** “Who is This?”

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Scots Confession*, 3.09)

**That our Lord Jesus offered himself a voluntary sacrifice unto his Father for us, that he suffered contradiction of sinners, that he was wounded and plagued for our transgressions, that he, the clean innocent Lamb of God was condemned in the presence of an earthly judge, that we should be absolved before the judgment seat of our God; that he suffered not only the cruel death of the cross, which was accursed by the sentence of God; but also that he suffered for a season the wrath of his Father which sinners had deserve. But yet we avow that he remained the only, well beloved, and blessed Son of his Father even in the midst of his anguish and torment which he suffered in body and soul to make full atonement for the sins of his people. From this we confess and avow that there remains no other sacrifice for sin; if any affirm so, we do not hesitate to say that they are blasphemers against Christ’s death and the everlasting atonement thereby purchased for us.**

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## **THE LORD’S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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**

**\*HYMN** “Behold Him”

(see insert)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday School**

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat

Adult Sunday School - at 9am studying the Holy Spirit

**Wednesdays** -Story Time is on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 am

**Thursday, April 2**-Maundy Thursday at One in Christ Church in Ambridge @6:30pm

**Friday, April 3**-Good Friday at Ohio UP @7pm

**Sunday, April 5**-Easter

**Monday, April 6**-Property Meeting @6:30pm

**Tuesday, April 7**-Women's Association @6:30pm

**Wednesday, April 8**-Ruth Circle @1pm

**Keep Them in Your Prayers:** Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin,

Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams, Cherryl Lachowicz, Joanie McCowin

**In the Military:** William Barth, Nick Hoth

**Those who are not able to worship regularly:** Dolores Skinner,

Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Betty Solinski,

Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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**Custodian:** Monica Ward

**Treasurer:** Chris Hurni

**Organist Emerita:** Shirley Fluharty

### **OUR SESSION**

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

### **OUR DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

