

Holy Week Lectionary and Schedule

See the articles in this special e-Tidings for details on the worship services and special events listed below.

Palm and Passion Sunday, April 5

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Worship services with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary and at 11:00 in Meily-Swallow Hall.

North Central College International Pancake Brunch at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Labyrinths in Fellowship Hall throughout Holy Week.

Monday of Holy Week, April 6

Lectionary: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7

Lectionary: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8

Lectionary: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Worship service at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 10

Lectionary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Worship service at 7:30 p.m. at Wesley UMC.

Holy Saturday, April 11

Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Exodus 14:10-31; Psalm 46; Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-8

“Pretzels and Prayer” children’s Lenten workshop at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Service at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Easter Saturday, April 12

Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Worship service with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

College Student Brunch at 9:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Worship services with Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Meiley-Swallow Hall.

Worship Services

Palm Sunday Services

The 8:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary services and the 11:00 OnCenter service will all begin with a procession of palms, and Holy Communion will be shared at all services. In the Sanctuary services, lay readers will present the Passion narrative. At OnCenter, Jeff Haake will speak on “Re-Thinking the Palm and the Passion.”

Maundy Thursday

A service remembering Christ's acts at the Last Supper will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Beth Elders will deliver the message. Stations for foot- and hand-washing will be provided for those wishing to participate in this symbol of servant ministry. Holy Communion will be shared.

Good Friday

The Good Friday service will be held at Wesley UMC at 7:30 p.m. The service will feature the cantata “We Were There,” by the combined choirs of Community UMC, Wesley UMC, and First Congregational UCC.

Holy Saturday

Rev. Emery Percell will preach at the 5:00 p.m. service in the Chapel. Holy Communion will be shared.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

Welcome the risen Christ at the 6:00 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall. Community UMC's youth are providing music, and Jeff Haake will give the message. After the service, enjoy the Easter breakfast hosted by the United Methodist Men.

Sanctuary and OnCenter Services

Holy Communion and special music will help us celebrate this holiest of Christian holidays at the 8:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary services and the 11:00 OnCenter service. Rev. Emery Percell will preach in the Sanctuary services; Rev. Haeran Kim's message at OnCenter will be “The End is Not the End.”

Labyrinths

Community UMC youth have prepared two labyrinths in Fellowship Hall and both will be available all Holy Week for meditation. The prayer labyrinth was adopted by the Church across Europe in medieval times, and used as a way to meditate, pray, and connect with God. The labyrinth symbolizes the world, with its complications and difficulties, which we experience on our journey through life. The entrance to the labyrinth is birth; the center is death and eternal life. The labyrinth is the inner pilgrimage we are called to make to take us to the center of our being, guided by the thread of divine grace.

Pretzels and Prayer

Elementary-age children (kindergarten—5th grade) are invited to join us for a *delicious* time together as we learn about the prayer-centered history of the pretzel, learn about the Lord's Prayer, explore different ways to pray, and bake and eat yummy fresh-baked pretzels (courtesy of Auntie Anne's)! Pretzels and Prayer will be Saturday, April 11 (Holy Saturday) from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Beth Elders, belders@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Social Events

North Central College International Pancake Brunch

NCC's International Student Society will be holding their annual Pancake Brunch in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 5 after the 11:00 services. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes from around the world for \$5 per person. College students, Community UMC's College Outreach Team invites you to the pancake brunch, our treat.

Easter Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will host a breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, following the Easter Sunrise service. All are invited to celebrate with them.

College Student Brunch

On Easter Sunday, college students are invited to a brunch in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy food and fellowship, courtesy of the Community UMC College Outreach Team. Invite a friend!

Web Site and E-Tidings

For more information about Community United Methodist Church please call the church office at (630)355-1483 or visit www.communityunitedmethodist.org. The church calendar is also on the web site; click the "Calendar" link in the lower-right corner.

E-Tidings is published monthly, generally around the 15th of the month and covering through the next month of events. It is e-mailed to households and placed on the church web site. If you have news for e-Tidings, please send it to Lauralyn Theodore, ltheodore@communityunitedmethodist.org. To sign up to receive e-Tidings, e-mail Ken Cox, kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org.

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