

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

RECONSTRUCTING FAITH:

The Unexpected Messiah

Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

Message Notes

THIS WEEK:
Sunday, 3/29 PALM SUNDAY: 9:15am Life Groups/Sunday School; 10:30am worship
Wednesday, 4/1 No Wednesday activities
Thursday, 4/2 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
Sunday, 4/5 EASTER 9:15am Easter Brunch; 10:30am worship

MENU this Wednesday
No Dinner This Week

NEXT MONTH:
 4/4 Easter Carnival, 11-2
 4/5 EASTER
 4/6 Church Office Closed
 4/14 M&M Meetings
 4/19 WiFi
 4/25 Youth Rummage Sale
 4/29 Quarterly Business Mtg

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WHO WE ARE

If you've been wondering if there's a place where people are more important than dogma, where people are warm and welcoming, thoughtful, and gentle, and where grace is a verb, University Heights Baptist Church might just be the place for you.

We are a church that believes worship doesn't end with a benediction, but spills out into classrooms, neighborhoods, shelters, hospital rooms, dinner tables, and streets, right here in Springfield.

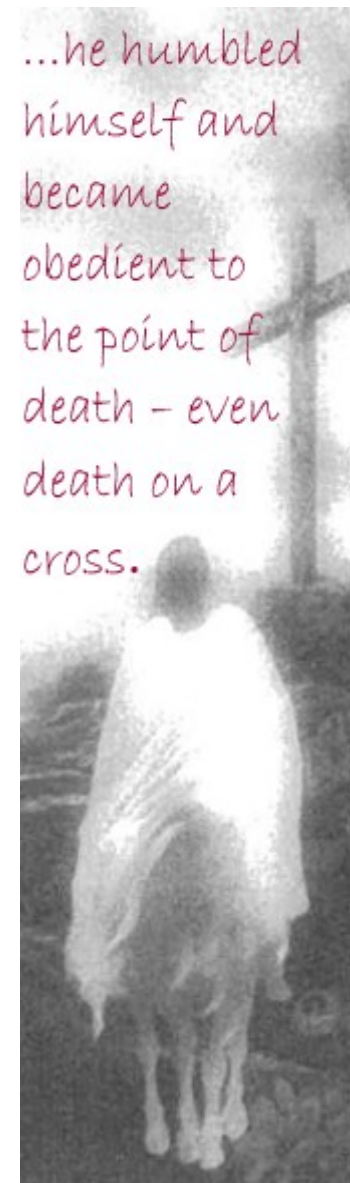
UHBC is a faith community that is going to encourage deep thinking, generous grace and compassion, and encourage everyone, men and women, to lead and to serve.

There's room at the table for you.

UHBC is affiliated with both Cooperative Baptist Fellowship & American Baptist Churches.

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 29, 2026



- Procession of Palms**
#130 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
- Welcome** Nolan Porter
- Here I Am to Worship*
The Plans
- Scripture Reading** Roxy Prickett
Matthew 21:1-11
- Special Music** Children's Choir
Hosanna!
- Scripture Reading** Robby Prickett
Philippians 2:5-11
Amazed
- Offertory Prayer** Heather Twibell
- Offertory** Chancel Choir
Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
#126 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
- Message** Joe Miller
RECONSTRUCTING FAITH:
The Unexpected Messiah
- Song of Response**
Amazed
- Closing Thoughts**
Doxology

University Heights Baptist Church

A Church of Thoughtful, Gentle Grace



What IS Maundy Thursday?

And why do we do we recognize it?

Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday of Holy Week, commemorates Jesus' Last Supper, the institution of the Lord's Supper or Communion, and the washing of the disciples' feet, as well as Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, followed by betrayal and arrest.

The word "Maundy" originates from the Latin *mandatum*, or "commandment." This refers to Jesus' "new commandment" to love one another through service, as Jesus demonstrated through humility and sacrifice, setting the stage for His betrayal and crucifixion.

Join us on Thursday, April 2, 7pm in the Chapel, for a very special Maundy Thursday service with Communion, as we remember and honor our call to follow a "new commandment."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Do you enjoy quiet time?

Do you appreciate a good daily devotional?

Does a walk in the park refresh your soul?

If so, we invite you to spend some solitary time with Jesus here at UHBC.

Walk the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a series of prayer "stops" that help us reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross — especially the moments of suffering, love, sacrifice, and faithfulness that led to His crucifixion. For centuries, Christians have walked these stations as a way to remember, pray, grieve, and give thanks for what Jesus has done.

Our stations are outdoors, designed to guide your meditation and prayer as you walk. You can explore at your own pace and on your own schedule.

Where to Find Them

The eight stations are displayed on plaques along the fence inside the fenced grassy lawn area where the cross and picnic table are located.

These stations and plaques are inspired by the Via Dolorosa ("the Way of Sorrow")—the path in Jerusalem that remembers where Jesus carried His cross.

You'll find suggested prayers and readings in the Library Box next to the first station.

Holy Week is the perfect time to visit the Stations of the Cross to reflect and remember the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

Come, walk the stations.

Matthew 21:1-11

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

10 so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



NEXT STEPS

1. Reread Matthew 21:1-11. Put yourself in the shoes of the people in the crowd and on the roadside. What might you be doing? What do you see? Hear? What emotions can you imagine you might feel? What are your hopes?
2. Has there ever been a time someone was not who you expected them to be? Was this a good thing, or a bad thing? How did you handle it?
3. Read Psalm 118:21-27. To some degree, the whole procession is saying what James and John, and their mother had been saying their own way (Matthew 20:20-22). All of us want Jesus to come in and be the king we want him to be. If you could put Jesus in your own personal box, what kind of savior would he be? How might you want him to act? If Jesus were to answer all your prayers, are there people he would have to say "no" or "wait" to?
4. As you have grown in your faith - have you been surprised by Jesus? Has there been something you missed, or something maybe you didn't expect him to be?
5. Read Philippians 2:5-11. As you read and think about this description of what Jesus did, and how we are instructed to imitate him, how does this differ from what the crowd expected in Matthew 21:1-11?