



# PALM SUNDAY



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March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

10:30am Worship

Pastor Shawn Carafa

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn No. 297

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Zechariah 9:9

Lay Reader, Gail Gronwall

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

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

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation;

**People: Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

### ANTHEM

Come, Ye Faithful

arr. Frances Callahan Joyful Ringers

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful King, on this day we remember the crowds who welcomed You with shouts of “Hosanna!” Yet we confess that our hearts are often like theirs. We are quick to praise but slow to follow. We want the glory of Your kingdom without the humility of Your cross. We honor You with our words, but our lives do not always reflect Your lordship. Forgive us, Lord, for our resistance to Your rule. By Your Spirit, give us hearts that truly follow You. We pray in Your holy name. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord)*

### \*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS John 6:47

[47] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. (ESV)

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*(A time to share our Thanksgiving and Requests to the Lord and with our Church family)*

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY**

Hosanna

Natalie Sleeth  
Women's Ensemble**\*DOXOLOGY**

*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 THANKSGIVING****\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

We Will Glorify

Hymn No. 301

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****SERMON**"Two Coins"  
Mark 12:38-44

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**\*CLOSING HYMN**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymn No. 300

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****\*POSTLUDE**

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Faure

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

Mark 12:38-44

Beware of the Scribes

<sup>38</sup> And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup> and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>40</sup> who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

The Widow's Offering

<sup>41</sup> And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup> And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**NOTES**

## THIS WEEK

### Palm Sunday

You can read about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Matt. 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19.

### Tuesday

Women's Bible Study 10am  
Youth Handbell Choir Noon

### Maundy Thursday ~ 7pm Worship

We commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Worship this evening will be a reflective service with Holy Communion.

These events are recorded in Matt. 26:17-75, Mark 14:12-72, Luke 22:7-62, and John 13:1-38.

### Good Friday

A time to reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the deep love poured out for us on the cross.

The accounts of the crucifixion can be found in Matt. 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56, and John 18:28-19:37.

### Easter Sunday ~ 10:30am Worship

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the promise of new life!

This celebration can be found in the Word in Matt. 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23.

Sunday Studies 9:30am  
No Youth Group Easter Sunday

## DEACON of the WEEK

Bill Daugherty 330-690-8973

## CELEBRATIONS

### **Another Year of Life**

Diane Widdowson

**Mission Fair** The Mission Committee will hold a Mission Fair on Sunday, April 19 during the coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

Individuals from local missions that HPC supports will be in attendance to give their updates. In addition, the Mission Committee members will provide updates for our international partners and missionaries.

HPC uses 10% of our church offerings and holds fund raisers periodically to support our mission partners. We also organize opportunities for members of the congregation to participate in mission activities. The committee is thankful for our congregation's generosity.

We are also looking for your feedback. If you are aware of a Christ centered mission needing support, we will have a form available for you to provide us this information in order for the mission committee to investigate further.

**Save the Date!** Friday, April 24th at 6pm. Potluck dinner.

**Habitat for Humanity Schedule** Everyone deserves a good place to live. Our church has supported Habitat for Humanity as part of the Hudson Coalition of Churches for over 30 years, helping to build homes in Akron, Stow, Twinsburg, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. Habitat will be building a home in Akron this year for the Solomon Family at 559 Hollibaugh Avenue, Akron, OH. We will be working on May 2nd and Aug 8th. On our workdays we asked to provide a crew of seven volunteers over the age of eighteen. Volunteers need not be construction experts. All tasks are completed under the supervision of Habitat Construction professional. Lunch will be provided. Do not miss this opportunity for service and fellowship. Contact Jon Polhamus [Jonpolhamu@aol.com](mailto:Jonpolhamu@aol.com) or 330-524-8564 or the Church office if you are interested in helping.

**Cycles for Christ** The bike shop will be opening again on April 22 this year. We will be collecting, repairing and delivering bikes to the poor, homeless, refugees, immigrants and veterans in the communities around Hudson. We are looking forward to a busy year. Last year we distributed five hundred bikes and repaired another 100 for their owners. We provide a helmet and a lock with most bikes. If you have any old bikes taking up space in your garage, your donation would be appreciated. If you are looking for a more active role, we are always looking for volunteers to help us collect, clean up, repair, and distribute the bikes. You need not be a bike expert; all tools and supplies are provided. Contact Jon Polhamus [Jonpolhamu@aol.com](mailto:Jonpolhamu@aol.com) or 330-524-8564 or the Church office if you are interested in helping.