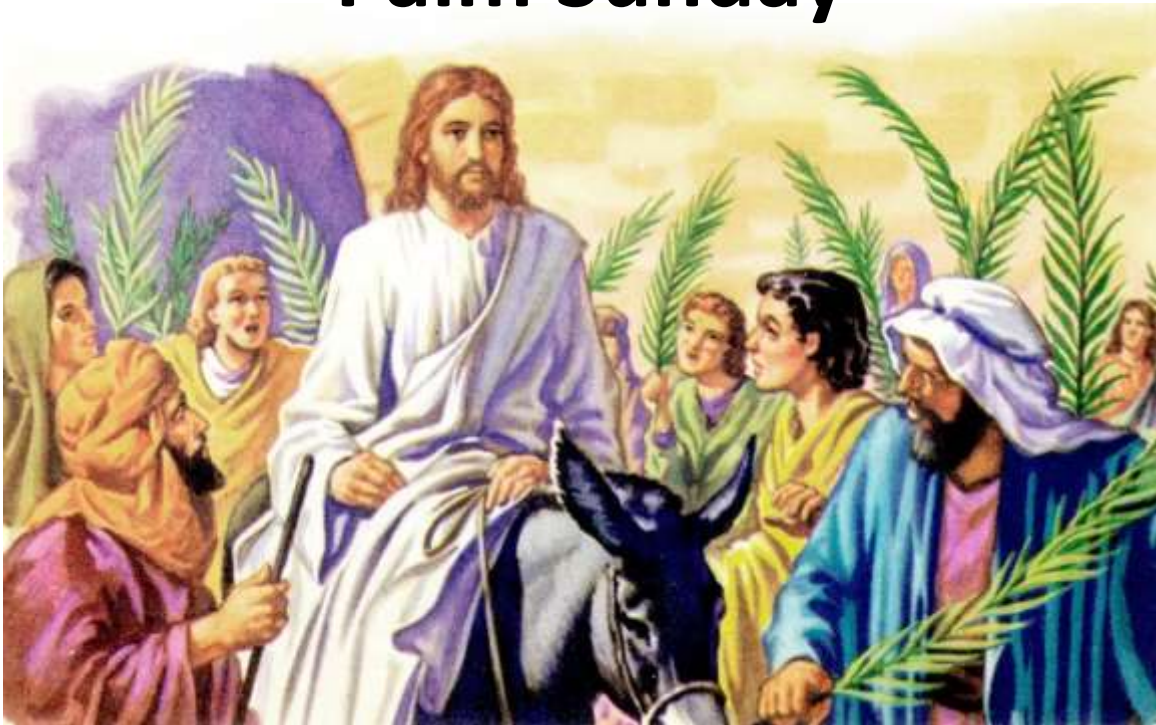


First United Methodist Church
April 1st & 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday



First United Methodist Church

202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL

www.fumcdixon.org

Facebook: FUMC Dixon

5:00 pm on Saturdays; 10:00 am on Sundays

*Our mission is making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by Faithfully Uplifting the Message of Christ*

Prelude

***Processional Hymn:**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(Choir and Children will process in)

#278 UMH

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God for God is good;

P: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

L: We give thanks to God who answers us, for God is our saving help!

P: The stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! Hosanna!

L: Our salvation is at hand!

P: It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!

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

P: Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!

L: Give thanks to God for God is good;

P: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

***Opening Prayer: (unison)**

Our hearts are wounded by the nails we carry in them, yet you would heal us with your love. We are worn to the quick by the struggles of our lives, yet you carry us in your heart. Our souls are emptied by the loneliness of our lives, yet you would fill us with your siblings. Blessed are you, who comes to live with us! When we would go home, after the parade has ended, walk us to the foot of the cross. When we would put our "Hosannas" away for another year, teach us to sing our gratitude for new life. Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, who comes to help us. Amen .

***Opening Hymn:**

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

#277 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

***Doxology**

#95 UMH

Chancel Choir

"Blessed Is He"

Passing of the Peace

Hymn of Preparation for the Word “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #454 UMH
(We will sing a song each Sunday as the choir rejoins the congregation)

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 21:1-11** NIV

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.

³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Reader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

The Message

This is the Day

Pastor Tim Mitchell

Hymn of Preparation:

“Bread of the World”

#624 UMH

Celebration of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who emptied himself into human form to guide us back to you. Through His teaching and His actions, He demonstrated that the time had come when you would save your people...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, the rejected stone who is the Cornerstone of our salvation, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Going Forth:**

"King of Kings"

#2075 TFWS

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Discipleship Ministries and Nancy Burnett





MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER

will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. The meal will be various soups, breads and desserts. Please use sign up sheets on the welcome tables to let us know what your contribution will be.

Rummage Sale

May 5th & 6th

Drop off lightly used items After Easter for our Church Rummage Sale



All money donated goes towards
The Church's Mission Trip for June 26 to June 30 of this year

Call the Office to let them know you're here to drop off stuff for the Rummage Sale (815-284-2849)

First United Methodist Church of Dixon
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Ready for Spring Cleaning.....?

Are you looking for a way to dispose of unwanted items? The June Mission Trip team can help! We will hold a fundraising rummage sale in the Fellowship hall on Friday & Saturday, May 5th & 6th. The proceeds from your unwanted items can help fund those making the trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to do your spring cleaning. **NO clothing please!**

Please bring your donations to the former daycare rooms on the first floor any time. Set-up will start after Easter. Please call Sandy Burris at 815-284-7112 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Cindy Gabany, Denny Arjes, Karen Hundrieser, Sharon Kersten, Kerry and Marcy Hughes, Karin Schoaf and Ian.

AGAPE YOUTH meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30AM in the youth lounge.

No AGAPE Youth on Easter Sunday.

There will be a lock-in for AGAPE YOUTH after the Heirborn Concert on Good Friday, April 7th.

POWERHOUSE KIDS meet every Sunday morning at 10AM in the 3rd floor Arena Room. Join Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun and our loving “shepherds” for lessons, activities, snacks, and crafts. Ages Preschool through 4th grade. **No Powerhouse Kids on Easter Sunday.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, the “Jesus Seekers”, meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 in Room 210.

G2 GROUP BIBLE STUDY led by Laura Brooks meets Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Conference room. **No Bible Study on Easter Sunday.**

NEW GROUP STARTING: LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP will meet weekly after church beginning Sunday, April 2 in the parlor from 11:15am - 12:15pm. Each week the group will discuss real life issues based on a passage of scripture - starting with First Thessalonians. This group is open to all and will be led by Tom Wadsworth.

****Wednesday's will remain Pastor Tim's writing day, so he will not be in his office.****

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!

**March 2023
\$25 Gift Card Winner
From Ace Hardware**

**The Dimmig
family
(Isaac, Amber,
Preston & Charlie)**

Please continue to fill out the **Connect Card** and help us stay connected as a church and to help build relationships within our community by supporting local businesses. Each card will be entered in a monthly drawing for a **gift card/certificate** to a local business.

For April, support:
ANNE'S GARDEN CENTER!

**April 2023 -
Business of the Month**

**April showers bring
May flowers!!**

**Anne's
garden center**





MIDWEST MISSION
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Mission Opportunity for 2023!

SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT
AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

education • health • micro business • disaster relief

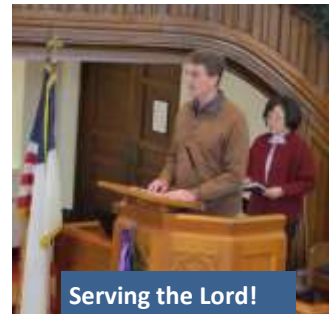
FUMC will be taking a Mission Trip to MMDC on June 26-30th!
Next informational meeting is April 4th at 6:00PM



Happy in the Lord!



Dixon Music Club Gathering



Serving the Lord!



Please continue to recycle your unwanted bulletins & inserts in the marked bin by the exit. Thank you!



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