

April 13, 2025 - 9:30AM

Palm Procession and Cantata Sunday



"King of Kings"

Worship with us In-person
Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at
Www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks
and on our website at
Https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/

### Welcome! We're so glad you're here!

To help us stay connected, please take a moment to complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it along so others can do the same, and when it reaches the end, kindly return it to its place. As you do, take a moment to greet those around you!

Do you have a prayer request?

Prayer Cards can be found in the pew racks. If you would like your request shared during our prayer time, please complete a card and place it in the collection during the opening hymn.

A few helpful notes for worship today:

An (\*) invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** and projected. Our ushers are here to assist you with any questions.

We are blessed to worship together today!

PRELUDE: Brass Trio

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

The Lord is our God, and has given us light:

Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna! God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen

\*OPENING HYMN: "Hosanna Loud Hosanna"

**UMH 278** 

\*PROCESSION OF PALMS

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city, give us grace to recognize the King we proclaim and courage to be apart of your kingdom—even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world, even when it leads us where we do not want t go. Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternative of power and wealth and status, and embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory: "In Sorrow We Mourn For Him"
Written by Geary Randall

String Quartet

# "KING OF KINGS" BY DENNIS AND NAN ALLEN

Come Worship the King Medley (O Worship the King, Majesty, All Hail King Jesus, and Crown Him King of Kings)

King of Kings

The Cross Medley (At the Cross, There is a Fountain, The Wonderful Cross)

What Wondrous Love is This with You Are My King

Child of the King Who You Say I Am

Finale: Come Worship the King Medley (O Worship the King, Rejoice the Lord is King, King of Kings from the Hallelujah Chorus, and King of Kings)

Director of Music: Chris Beiser

Assistant Director/Accompanist: Sue Combs

Sound: Rick Kiefer

### **ORCHESTRA:**

Violin: Sherry Randall and Samantha Coning; Viola: Deborah Koehler; Cello: Caitlyn McGlynn; Bass: Tim Cornelius; Flute: Kayla Osborn; Trumpet: Jeff Folkens and Steve Monroe; French Horn: Andrew Osborn; Guitar: Brett McClintock; Percussion: Joe Klein; Piano: Sue Combs

Narrators: Pam Brockfield and Shane Becker

### **THANK YOU:**

I want to thank Mark Hensler and Sherry Randall for getting the musicians together for this cantata, they have a very talented circle of friends! I appreciate everyone who has contributed to the presentation of King of Kings, singers, instrumentalists, sound, and narrators, their gifts will be a blessing to everyone this morning. A big thank you to Sue who is such a strong partner with me in the music ministry. I hope King of Kings is a perfect way for you to begin the final week of preparation into Easter.

Chris Beiser

\*CLOSING HYMN: "All Glory Laud and Honor" UMH 280

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG: "Take Jesus With You"

\*POSTLUDE Sue Combs

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys/Concerns:** If updates are unknown, these items are listed for up to 4 weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continued Prayers."

- 04/06 Flo Moore who is recovering from surgery that was on April 8.
- 04/06 Danny Thomas is recovering from two recent surgeries that were on April 9 and 11. Please pray for a smooth and speedy recovery, and continued relief from back and neck pain.
- 04/06 Prayers for Ken Weedman
- 04/04 Elaine Shreve as she continues to recover at Covenant Village Rehab after a recent hospitalization for double pneumonia and complications from COPD. She is also experiencing back pain, so continued prayers for healing and comfort are greatly appreciated.
- 03/30 Marlis is doing better each day and continues to make progress in her healing journey—she's regaining strength, eating healthy, and staying hopeful for the best outcome. She wants everyone to know she misses you all and is grateful for your continued prayers and support.
- 03/26 Please keep Ann Brabbs in your prayers as she navigates a medical situation. She underwent a CT scan on Friday, March 28. Pray for clarity, healing, and peace as she awaits further information.
- 03/25 Please lift Ann McWilliam in prayer as she continues to recover from vertigo and other medical issues. May she find comfort, strength, and healing during this time.
- 03/25 Prayers for a beloved horse and all his staff and owner.
- 03/25 Brooke Becker's aunt who was hospitalized after having multiple seizures. She is undergoing testing to find the cause of the seizures.
- 03/18 Please continue to keep Tomie O'Sullivan in your prayers as the medical team navigates through some of her breathing and heart issues. May she find strength, healing, and comfort in God's care and the support of the church family.
- 03/16 Please keep Kym' Nguyen's dad, Wade Lewis, in your prayers as he continues his recovery in rehab at Berkeley. Also, prayers for both Wade and Nancy as they transition to Assisted Living at Berkeley. May they find strength, comfort, and peace during this time of change.
- 03/16 Please keep the Becker family's brother-in-law and his family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their beloved mother to brain cancer. May they find comfort in God's love and strength in the support of their church family during this difficult time.
- 03/16 Pat Coyle's daughter Lori Palmieri.
- 03/16 Kai was in a serious car accident and was air flighted to the hospital. He is improving but please continue to keep in your prayers.

**Continued Prayers:** Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates, L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or call 513.844.1818.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory All service Men & Women

Our Country First Responders

United Methodist Church Prayer & Bible Study Groups For the sick and/or homeless

Don Ault

Shirley & Bud Aydlett

Kathy Bradley
Patty Coyle
Sharon Hamp
Marlis Hatton
Iris Jones Family

Judy & Bob Klingel Cliff Klug

Mary Lou Knau Wade & Nancy Lewis Ann McWilliams

Tomie O'Sullivan Belinda Peters

Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)

Linda Prohaska Brenda Smoot Elaine Shreve Parkside Residents

# St. Mark's Homebound:

Janice Chaney
Freida Hawkins
Jim Jones (BeeHive Liberty Twp)
Bob & Judy Klingel (Westover)
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
Nancy & Wade Lewis (Berkeley)
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
Eleanor McCollum

Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square) Zedith Pottenger Jean Stivers Virginia Shaw Paul Schutte Betty Stover (NY in home hospice) Peggy Wyatt

### ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

# Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

# TODAY, 04/13 Procession of Palms & Easter Cantata

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

10:30 am CYF Meeting

### MONDAY, 04/14

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

# TUESDAY, 04/15 WEDNESDAY, 04/16

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

2:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Bible Study Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal

# **THURSDAY, 04/17**

7:00 pm Naundy Thursday Service
Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

### FRIDAY, 04/18

1:00 pm Ruth Circle

# **SATURDAY, 04/19**

# SUNDAY, 04/20 Easter & Confirmation Sunday

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming

GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# APRIL 13, SUNDAY, ST. MARK'S PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION & CANTATA

Join us on Palm Sunday for a meaningful procession as we wave live palm leaves in the sanctuary, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Immediately following, the Chancel Choir will present the Easter Cantata King of Kings, a powerful musical reflection on Christ's journey from the cross to the crown.

### APRIL 17, THURSDAY, 7PM, MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us on Maundy Thursday for a reflective evening service as we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another. This solemn gathering invites us to prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross.

## APRIL 18, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE

Each month, the women of Ruth's Circle gather for devotion, encouragement, and meaningful connection—a welcoming space where faith grows, friendships thrive, and hearts are inspired. Come as you are and find a place to belong!

# DONATE BOOKS & PUZZLES FOR OUR ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON SALE!

We are currently collecting gently used & new books and puzzles to sell at our Annual Salad Luncheon, and we welcome your donations! Collections will continue through April, so if you have items to contribute, please reach out to Pam or Cindy for details. Thank you.

# APRIL 21, MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE

Articles, thank you's and other submissions are due for the May/June newsletter. Contact. Lyn Bucalo for questions.

### APRIL 22, TUESDAY, 12:00PM, LUNCHBUNCH

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at Quaker Steak & Lube Located at: 3737 Stone Creek Blvd., (Colerain) Cincinnati, OH 45251. To make reservations please contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by April 20.

#### APRIL 25, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY THEME: SOUPS & ICE CREAM SUNDAE's

Join us Friday, April 25 at 5PM as we serve at Serve City with a comforting Soups & Ice Cream Sundaes theme! We welcome donations of sundae toppings, rolls, or side-style appetizers to pair with the soups—thank you for supporting this outreach! Contact: Lyn Bucalo or Jenni Hensler for more information and questions.

# APRIL 28, MONDAY, 10:30AM, SALAD LUNCHEON MEETING

We will have one more meeting in the Heritage room before our annual Salad Luncheon, Crafts & Book sale. For questions, contact Sue McDaniel.

# MAY 1, THURSDAY, 11AM-1:30PM, SALAD LUNCHEON, CRAFTS & BOOK SALE

Join us for a delicious variety of salads at our Annual Salad Luncheon, along with shopping the crafts & book sale. Tickets are \$12.00 per person—come enjoy great food, fellowship, and fun!

# MAY 4, SUNDAY, 10:45AM, ST. MARKS CARES MEETING, HERITAGE ROOM

St. Mark's Cares meeting will be held in the Heritage Room after worship.

#### MAY 8, THURSDAY, 11AM, NURTURE & CARE MEETING

#### MAY 10, SATURDAY, 9AM, ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Please note the change in the scheduled church cleanup day. For questions, contact Jeff Gering.

# MAY 11, SUNDAY, 9:30AM, MOTHER'S DAY and HAT DAY!

Ladies, let's celebrate in style! In honor of Mother's Day, we're inviting all women to wear your favorite hat to Sunday worship. Whether it's classy, creative, vintage, or just plain fun show off your personality and enjoy the spirit of the day! Let's fill the sanctuary with love, laughter, and fabulous hats during this special Sunday that celebrates all mother figures!

## MAY 16, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE

# MAY 16, FRIDAY, 7PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP

# **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 6, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 103 Sunday School Attendance:

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,466.62

\$8,160.10 Weekly In-Person Giving Weekly On-Line Giving \$1,242.97

<u>\$9,403.07</u>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$ 390.00

\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs



#### **WEEKLY GROUPS:**

#### MONDAY'S, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1ST MON)

We are studying the New Testament, exploring each chapter to deepen our faith through spiritual growth and meaningful discussions. This women's group is open to all at any time—join us as we learn and grow together! Contact: Kym Nguyen.

#### WEDNESDAY'S, 7:30AM, MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us in the prayer room each week. Contact: Jeff Gering

#### WEDNESDAY'S, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are now reading the book of Galatians. There is no reading required ahead of time and all are welcome any time to come study and discuss. Contact Sue McDaniel for questions.

#### WEDNESDAY'S, MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Handbell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs and then Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information

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