



March 29, 2026 - 9:30AM

LIVING HOPE

Palm Sunday Cantata

March 29, 2026

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Worship with us in-person or online. Live-Streaming on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks and on YouTube
SMUMC Website <https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

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

To help us stay connected, please complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew and pass it along. When it reaches the end, kindly return it to its place and 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!

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

(The Faith We Sing, Pg 2071)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope, the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectations as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

UMH 278

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we gather today with grateful hearts, remembering the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as the people cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

As we begin this time of worship, we welcome Christ into our hearts and into this place. Prepare us to walk with Him through the journey of Holy Week with faith, humility, and hope. Quiet our minds, open our hearts, and help us receive the message of Your love through word and song today. We offer You our praise and invite Your presence among us. Amen!

***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*"

String Quartet

Doxology

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Power of the Cross" HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This" UMH

EASTER CANTATA

"Living Hope"

By Dennis and Nan Allen

Narration 1

Kallie Theiss

Hope Medley

Narration 2

Kallie Theiss

O' Praise the Name (Ana'stasis)

Narration 3

Owen Becker

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

Narration 4

Lauren Leyrer

He Will Hold Me Fast

Finale: Living Hope

Orchestra:

*Sue Combs—Piano, Jeff Folkens—Trumpet, Jim Klein—Clarinet,
Brett McClintock—Guitar, Sherry Randall—Violin, Samantha
Coning—Violin, Debra Koehler—Viola, Caitlyn McGlynn—Cello,
Dick Roemer—Percussion, Tim Cornelius—Bass,
Kayla Goodman—Flute, Andrew Osborn—Horn*

Dale Seiwert—Sound

Director of Music: Chris Beiser

Accompanist: Sue Combs

*CLOSING HYMN: "Crown Him with Crowns"

UMH 327
(vs. 1, 2, and 4)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG:

"There's Something About That Name"

UMH 171

*POSTLUDE

Sue Combs

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

Prayers and joys are listed for up to four weeks. After that time, ongoing concerns will be included in the “Continued Prayers” section.

- 03/23 JOY! Congratulations to the Nguyen Family on a healthy baby boy. Asher James Duc Nguyen was born on March 23 at 8:14pm, weighing 8lbs, 5oz and 20.8 inches.
- 03/22 More JOYS! Steve & Kym Nguyen are so proud to announce that their son, Will has matched to his #1 choice for residency! He is off to Augusta, GA for the next 3 years.
- 03/22 Kym Nguyen’s mother was admitted to the hospital 3/18/26 dealing with multiple, serious medical issues and is now septic. We continue to keep her in our prayers.
- 03/22 Steve Nguyen’s father — thank you for your continued prayers. Please keep the family in your prayers as they consider next steps for memory care.
- 03/22 Mark Hensler’s good friend and mentor Russ, is in the hospital.
- 03/22 Jenni Hensler’s aunt who fell and broke her shoulder and also for neighbor, Ken who is recovering from surgery.
- 03/22 Belinda Peters’ former co-worker who passed away earlier this month. Please keep family and friends in prayers.
- 03/22 Mike Aiken’s eye appointment went well, and we are grateful to share that his transplant was successful.
- 03/22 Danny Thomas for a full quick recovery from knee surgery 3/20/26.
- 03/22 Melanie Hanson will have heart valve surgery.
- 03/22 Happy Birthday celebration to Bill Dichtl.
- 03/22 In memory of and happy Heavenly birthday to Cindy Dichtl.
- 03/22 Julie Dichtl’s sister, Lynne Nickens, is having heart and blood pressure issues.
- 03/18 Linda Prohaska as she undergoes a lengthy recovery for a broken wrist.
- 03/15 Elaine Shreve’s son, Christopher, in PA is facing serious abdominal surgery.
- 03/15 Marta Hollinger's 100 year old stepmother-in-law, Mary Kring, as she transitions from living alone to assisted living facility.
- 03/15 Tari Wolf is having health issues.
- 03/15 Peg Wyatt needs prayers.
- 03/12 Don Ault will be heading home sometime next week after spending 5 weeks at Jamestown rehab. Wonderful News!
- 03/08 Steve Vitale, for good test results.
- 03/08 Lauren Dichtl and Chris Cooper share that two of their friends recently lost their grandfathers. We keep their families in our thoughts and prayers. We also give thanks and celebrate the good news of a friend who has beaten colon cancer.
- 03/08 Rick Kiefer expresses his sincere gratitude to the church family for the many prayers, cards, and acts of kindness shared during Janice’s passing. Your support has brought comfort and helped greatly during this time of healing. Janice Kiefer passed away peacefully on March 4. We continue to hold Rick, their family, and friends in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

- 03/08 Gerri Anderson's son's family in Ironton, OH, Kayden, is doing well and we thank you for the prayers for him and the family.
- 03/02 The Flannery family during this time of loss following the passing of their 42-year-old nephew and father, Jake.
- 03/02 Shelby Cavender fell on 3/01 and sprained her ankle and is receiving treatment with an orthopedic specialist.

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 World, Nation, and Communities
 First Responders
 United Methodist Church
 Prayer & Bible Study Groups
 For the sick and/or homeless
 Don Ault (Jamestown)
 Shirley Aydlett
 Ann Brabbs
 Arvilla Brinkmeyer
 Helen Brown
 Kathy Bradley
 Patty Coyle
 Shirley Grant
 Sharon Hamp
 Lois Hill
 Anne Hennen

Iris Jones & Family
 Cliff Klug
 Don Kernen
 Mary Lou Knau
 Tomie O'Sullivan
 Belinda Peters
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Linda Prohaska
 Brenda Smoot
 Elaine Shreve
 Ken Weedman
 Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Janice Chaney
 Bob Klingel (Westover)
 Nancy & Wade Lewis (Berkeley)
 Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
 Eleanor McCollum
 Pat Pitman (Alois Alzheimer Center)

Zedith Pottenger (Storypoint)
 Jean Stivers
 Virginia Shaw
 Paul Schutte
 Peggy Wyatt

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 03/29 Palm Sunday & Easter Cantata

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

MONDAY, 03/30

10:00 am Crafters Group
6:30 pm Ladies Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 03/31

WEDNESDAY, 04/01

7:30 am Men's Prayer & Support Group
2:00 pm Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 04/02 Maundy Thursday

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 04/03

12:30 pm Youth Fellowship

SATURDAY, 04/04

SUNDAY, 04/05 Easter Sunday & Holy Communion

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY and EASTER CANTATA

Join us for Palm Sunday as we begin the service with a joyful Palm Procession around the sanctuary. Live palms available, and all are warmly invited to join the procession as we celebrate together. During worship, we will also enjoy a beautiful Cantata titled "Living Hope", a meaningful musical reflection on the promise of Easter.

APRIL 2, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7:00-8:00PM

APRIL 3, FRIDAY, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, 12:30-3:00PM

Mall Trip and more details to come. Contact Peggy Smith

APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE, 9:30AM

Join us this Easter as we celebrate the risen Christ—where hope rises and new life begins.

APRIL 17, RUTH CIRCLE, 1:00-2:30PM

Contact Pam Guynes for more information.

APRIL 17, SERVE CITY, 5:00PM

This month our theme is "Springtime Bites & Delights" There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for foods, desserts, and volunteering to serve the residents.

APRIL 20, TUESDAY, MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE

If you have a 'Thank You' notice, announcement, upcoming event, or church gathering you would like included in the upcoming newsletter, please notify the church office. All submissions should be received no later than April 20 to ensure inclusion.

APRIL 28, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH 12:00-2:00PM

Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! Reserve your seat by

April 27 and for more information contact Sue Beckett.

MAY 7, THURSDAY, SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS 11:00AM-1:30PM

Save the Date! More details to come, contact Sue McDaniel.

MAY 10, SUNDAY, MOTHER'S DAY/HAT DAY SERVICE

Wear your favorite hat in celebration of Mother's Day. Flowers will be available to all women at the Sanctuary entrance.

MAY 31, SUNDAY, 5TH SUNDAY POT LUCK LUNCHEON, 10:30AM

We will meet in Fellowship Hall after worship, more details to come.

Contact Kym Nguyen or Pam Guynes.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 22, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 115

Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,554.12</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	<u>\$8,502.00</u>
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 636.52</u>
	<u>\$9,138.52</u>

*Special—Designated Giving** *\$580.00*

Special—Capital Campaign^ *\$200.00*

**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

^Campaign for Restroom Improvements

**RAIN DATE IF IT RAINS ON MARCH 28, THEN WILL BE
APRIL 4, SATURDAY, ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, 2:00PM**

Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and Easter celebration for the whole family! Easter Egg Hunts by Age Group, sweet treats & snacks with family fellowship & fun. (Rain date is April 4)

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Saturday, March 28
2:00 PM

-  Easter Egg Hunts by Age Group
-  Sweet Treats & Snacks
-  Family Fellowship & Fun

*Bring your baskets and invite a friend!
All children and families are welcome.*



**Annual Spring
Salad Luncheon
& Crafts**

Sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies

May 7, 2026 (Thursday)
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM



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2026 WEEKLY GROUPS:

MONDAYS, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)

We are reading a new book titled: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver. Discussions on Mondays via Zoom. Our next in-person meeting will be on April 6, with a shared meal at 5:30pm. Contact Kym Nguyen for more details.

WEDNESDAYS, 7:30AM, MEN'S PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

This group is more than just a time of prayer—it's also a space for encouragement, support, and fellowship. Contact Jeff Gering for more information.

WEDNESDAYS, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

WEDNESDAYS, 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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