

8:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday  
April 10, 2022

11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

**Prelude**

8:30 - *Cortege and Litany* - Marcel Dupré

**Call to Worship**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Opening Hymn No. 278\*\*** - *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang,  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

**Invocation**

**Almighty God, on this day your Son, Jesus Christ, entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

**Children's Anthem** (11:00) - *Antiphonal Hosanna* - Allen Pote

**God's Word for Young Disciples**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 19:28-44 (New Testament page 83/78)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** - *Behold the King of Zion Comes* - Joseph Martin

**Sermon** - *Rejoice?*

Rev. Jon Priebe

## RESPONSE

*The people of God respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response No. 280\*\*** - *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**Discipleship Moment**

**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.

**Lenten Spiritual Discipline: Silence**

**Prayers of the People and 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 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.

#### SENDING FORTH

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith*

#### **Closing Hymn No. 292\*\*** - *What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on. í

#### **Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 298)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

#### **Postlude** - *Prepare the Royal Highway* - Charles Ore



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given  
in honor of Jim Ward's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, by his family.**

**Liturgists:** 8:30 Sharon Nerhood; 11:00 Barb DiTirro

**Service Music:** 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 All Children's Choirs; Chancel Choir

**\*\*Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

## CHURCH NOTES

**Epworth Home Concert:** Join us this evening at 7 p.m. for the traditional Home Concert by the Epworth Choir. They will share with us the program which they shared with other churches during the week they were on Spring Tour. It is always a delightful event!

**Organ Recitals:** The last organ concert will be this Thursday from noon to 12:30.

**Texas Roadhouse:** We are having a fundraiser through the Texas Roadhouse in Stow to benefit Work Camp. Grab a flyer from the Welcome Center and take it to the restaurant **THIS Tuesday, April 12**, between 3 and 10 pm. When you present the flyer they will donate 10% of your total food purchase to the church to help with the costs of the projects at Henderson Settlement.

**What is Hospice?** What qualifies a person for hospice care? Kim Serra from Summa Hospice will explain what hospice care is and isn't **THIS Wednesday, April 13**, at 10:30am in Wesley Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**UMW Accessory Sale:** It's back! The sale will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We are asking for donations of gently used jewelry, purses, and scarves. The deadline for donations is Sunday, May 8. All money raised goes to missions.

**Montgomery Scholarship:** Applications are available for the Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship. They may be picked up in the church office. **The deadline to submit applications will be Friday, April 22.** Applicants must be a member of First Church, be a graduating senior, and be planning to enroll in college or a technical school for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Vacation Bible School:** It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School, June 13-17 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. VBS is for age 3 (by 9/30/22 and potty-trained) through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. VBS SERVE is a week of mission projects and field trips for children entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. VBS Extreme is an afternoon program for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Please register through the "What's Happening" page on our website, [www.firstchurchcf.com](http://www.firstchurchcf.com). Spaces are limited, so register early.

**VBS needs:** We are in need of paper towel rolls for a VBS mission project. Please drop off before Sunday, June 5.

**Financial Peace University:** Our Stewardship team has obtained a Ramsey+ site license and we're offering it as a free gift to help you achieve your goals of living a debt free life, giving generously, living the life you are called to live, and sharing this gift with your family. Classes will begin on Sunday, April 24 from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$75 per family unit with a \$25 rebate for attending all the classes. Childcare will be provided. Access it at: <https://www.financialpeace.com/hosts/fumccuyahoga?pc=57393889>

**Acts of Grace Circle Mission Project: Beds for Kids:** When Summit County Children Services social workers enter homes to assess concerns of child abuse and neglect, they frequently find children without safe sleeping conditions. The circle is collecting new twin or crib bedding, sheets, blankets and pillows, etc. Cash donations are also accepted. Pamphlets are available in the display by the Welcome Center. You may include your donation in the offering plate or drop box, checks made payable to UMW, memo Beds for Kids. Donated items may be taken to the area beside the library.

**OPEN M mission project:** OPEN has a young female client, Mia, who is pregnant and her husband went back to their home country to try and get a work visa to help out. She has had minimal prenatal care and is in need of supplies when the baby arrives. We are taking a collection of clothes, blankets, gift cards for diapers, etc. to help her out. The baby is due in April

and is a girl. Donations can be dropped off at the church or if you have questions you can contact Nancy Lyberger at 330-524-6378.

**High School Seniors:** Seniors will be recognized at worship on Sunday, May 22. We don't want to miss anyone, so please email your name and school to Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

**Parents of Current 6th Graders:** Epworth Choir and Youth Group are open to students in grades 7-12. If you have a student who will be starting 7th grade in the fall, we would love to add them to our Epworth email list. Please send their names to Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com.

**Holy Land Journey:** Revs. Karol and Jim Lewis, PhD would like to invite you to join them on a journey to follow Jesus' footsteps in the Holy Land January 30 - February 7, 2023. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Early registration ends April 30. Call Pastor Karol for more information.

**Mark Kroos Concert:** On Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. guitarist Mark Kroos returns to First Church for a concert. Mark will play two guitar necks at the same time. His instrumental style is characterized by open harmonies, polyphonic textures, incredible tapping technique, and is as entertaining to watch as it is to listen. His performances burst with energy and magnetism not typical of solo guitar music.

**Financial update:**

**Compared to Budget**

	Feb. <u>2022</u>	Year-to-date <u>2/28/22</u>	Annual Budget <u>2022</u>
Income	-\$3,279	-\$3,738	\$780,918
Operating Expenses	-\$3,263	-\$4,947	\$835,345
Total Over/Under	-\$16	-\$1,209	-\$54,427

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**MINISTERS & STAFF:**

Forrest Waller

**HOSPITALIZED:**

Peg Yeager - Akron General

**MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:**

Scott Adie	Don Corbett	Pat Park
Bob Ahonen	Jean Finnegan	David Potter
Shirley Asher	Dave Gohr	Robby & Lou Robinson
Mary Ellen Atwood	Rose Gregory	Kathi Sawyer
Alice Becher	Joyce Haberkost	Kay Steiner
Behrman family	Jim Henes	Ken Tunstall
Donna Copeland	George Kirk	Jim Vogel
	Gay Letzler	