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March 27, 2026

From the Pastor

We are on the cusp of Holy Week, and it's always a struggle to not jump too quickly to Easter. Ironically, we are hosting the city of Union's Easter Egg hunt this Saturday which is rushing the season. However, when Holy Week begins on Sunday, I hope we will all be reminded to take some time next week to ponder the fullness of the week which will make Easter so much more awe-inspiring and joy-filled.

This Sunday we will wave palm branches and celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before Passover. We will sing joy-filled music and ponder Mark's account of what happened that day. As worship draws to a close, we will turn our attention from palms to the passion. [The *passion* is the story of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. The word *passion* comes from the Latin word for *suffering*.]

In our jumping ahead to Easter, we frequently miss the deeper realities of Jesus' palm parade. It was more than the precursor to his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection. It was a protest against the power of empire that mistreated and abused countless groups of people - often using the Lord's name as justification. Pontius Pilate was entering Jerusalem on the other side of town with a grand display of power while God-made-flesh rode in on a donkey. [To learn more, click [here](#) for a recent article from Convergence and [here](#) for a older article from *The New York Times*] Jesus' incarnation of God's love and values threatened religious and political power, and he had to be stopped.

In preparation for worship, I invite you to keep this in mind as you read Mark's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. What details stand out to you? What seems strange? What questions do you have? Then, read the text again and think about with whom you resonate. The disciples? The crowd? Witnesses? Why? Read the story again and "try on" different perspectives. How might you have reacted at the parade? What might the Spirit be teaching us about the nature of God? What might the Spirit be teaching us about ourselves? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

HUGE thanks to Julie Bailey, Beverly Johnson, Frank Lindsey, April Merkel, Ollie Seidman, Dave Stenner, Holly VonLehman and Rob Wilcox for the generous gifts of their time, talent and treasure taking on projects including

battery replacement, painting, parament artistry, picnic table refurbishing and wall and window cleaning to prepare us for spring and Holy Week.



City of Union Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 28th

The fun city event happens at UPC. We get to help serve refreshments and the hospitality of Christ. If you'd like to share in the fun, sign up in the narthex or contact the [church office](#). Smiling faces are welcome any time from 8:00am until about 10:30am. Wear your UPC tshirt. No UPC shirt, come to the kitchen and get an apron.

Tell Me Something Good Tree

During Lent we are "growing" a good news tree. Similar to Christmas trees formed with strands of lights, our tree is formed with strands of line onto which folks are invited to tie cloth strips with good news written on them. This colorful witness to good news in our world will be visible to everyone traveling on Hwy 42. Please jot good news on the fabric strips in the narthex. You may tie them on the lines attached to the church sign or leave the strips in the box in the narthex for "good news fairies" to tie them on the tree.



Last Call to Order Easter Flowers

You may purchase tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and/or violets in honor or memory of someone or to the glory of God. You may purchase these beautiful flowers by signing up on the sheet in the narthex, by emailing the church office or by clicking [here](#). The flowers cost \$15 each and can be taken home after the Easter service. A dedication page will appear in the Easter bulletin.

Maundy Thursday Seder Reservations

Please RSVP for the Maundy Thursday Seder by Monday, March 30th. Reservations are not required, but they help us prepare enough food. You can rsvp on the sheet in the narthex, by contacting the church office or by clicking [here](#). This re-enactment of the Passover meal is very meaningful for children as well as adults. The meal is symbolic with small portions, so you may want to eat dinner before you come to worship.



Slate of Officer Nominees Congregational Meeting after Worship Sunday, March 29

The Officer Nominating committee places the slate of officers below into nomination for service as Ruling Elders and Deacons. Nominees' biographical blurbs are available in worship and by clicking [here](#). Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the congregational meeting as long as the nominee has previously agreed to serve if elected. Thank you to the 2026 Nominating Committee – Heather Dern, Sue Kozlowski, Ollie Seidman, Ruth Ann Sloan and Jim Vanzant .

Class of 2029 Elder Nominees: Kevin Dern and Mark Highland

Class of 2029 Deacon Nominees: Hayden Monson, Ruth Ann Sloan and Sheila Wenstrup

The CHOSEN FREE EVENT

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Non-Denominational Interfaith Gathering
Join us for a rare evening with stars of *The Chosen* as they step out from behind the scenes to share their personal faith journeys. Experience powerful testimonies, worshipful music, and celebration of Christ right here, in the heart of Cincinnati.
All tickets are free, but space is limited at both locations. Reserve your tickets today.

1 Saturday, March 28th 7:30pm (doors open 7pm)
St. Susanna Catholic Parish
616 Reading Road
Mason, OH

2 Sunday, March 29th 3:00pm (doors open 2:30pm)
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
144 Buttermilk Pike
Lakeside Park, KY

SCAN FOR TICKETS & INFO
chosencincy.com

Gracious Invitation from our LDS Friends

This weekend four actors from "The Chosen," the popular dramatic series about the life of Jesus Christ, will be in Cincinnati to participate in community interfaith events and activities.

More details and ticketing information are available at <https://chosencincy.com/>.

Saturday's event in Mason is full. However, tickets remain for Sunday's event in Lakeside Park, KY.

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 29th
Congregational mtg after worship to elect officers



Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship ~ Thursday, April 2nd 6:30pm
See above article.

Darkening the Sanctuary ~ Friday, April 3rd 12pm (noon)

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship ~ Friday, April 3rd 7pm

This service ends in silence and darkness and is not appropriate for young children.

Easter Potluck Breakfast & Egg Hunt ~ Sunday, April 5th 9am

Bring a breakfast dish to share. Beverages provided. The egg hunt starts around 9:30am.

Celebration of the Resurrection! ~ Sunday, April 5th 10am

Worship includes communion which is available to all of God's children.

Schedule for This Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29th

9:30am Choir Warm-Up

10am Worship

5:30p - 7:30p NKY Youth Dinner
with Disciples
@ Lakeside Pres.

Monday, March 30th

9:30am Chair Yoga

7pm Boy Scouts Troop 805

Tuesday, March 31st

6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 3805

Wednesday, April 1st

9:30am Chair Yoga

6:30pm Choir Practice

Girl Scout Troop 2830

8pm AA

Thursday, April 2nd

6:30pm Maundy Thursday
Dinner & Worship

Friday, April 3rd

9:30am Chair Yoga

Noon Darkening of the
Sanctuary

7pm Good Friday Tenebrae
Service

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

9am Easter Potluck Breakfast &
Egg Hunt

9:30am Choir Warm-Up

10am Worship w/ Communion

Celebrate the resurrection with
family & friends. No afternoon
or evening activities.



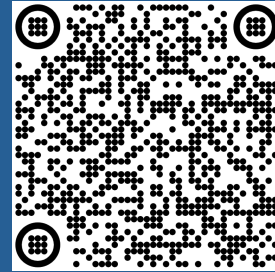
BIRTHDAYS

3/28 - Katelyn Detwiler
4/1 - Hans Clouse
4/3 - Chelsea Uyeda
4/4 - Pat Gilliland
4/10 - Holly VonLehman
4/13 - Lori Ruwe
4/14 - Ollie Seidman
4/16 - Kevin Gilbert,
Dave Stenner
4/17 - Jacque Sherwood,
Trevor Stenner
4/19 - Kim Fry
4/20 - Jim Palmer
4/23 - Kim Springer
4/24 - Kurt Lintelman
4/26 - Sue Kozlowski



ANNIVERSARIES

3/28 - Kurt & Kristin
Lintelman
4/2 - Mike & Sharen Frost



Online Giving

You may give online or via text through the [UPC website](#). You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Global Payment Services which integrates with Servant Keeper, our membership program.

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional percentage to cover the processing costs.

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