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This week's Immediate Prayer List

People of Ukraine

A complete prayer list is available at the Welcome Center.

Today's liturgist is Monica Stewart.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church of Ludington.

We believe in the God who created and continues to create.

We want to root ourselves in Jesus.

We rely on the Holy Spirit.

We seek to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.

We believe our church is part of this community. Ludington has our heart.

We open our doors and ourselves to everyone --

When we say "Come as you are" we mean it.

The painting on the cover of today's bulletin is by Mary Case. This painting, created especially for our church, will grace our renovated lobby.

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Our Mission: Reveal the Grace of God by welcoming and serving all in Christ!



April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday



Gathering Music **“Days of Elijah”** Robin Marks
If you have a prayer concern that you would like the pastor to lift up during the prayer time today, please fill out a yellow prayer card from the pew or from the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Someone will take the prayer cards up to her at prayer time.

Welcome and Announcements

- You may have noticed some changes as you came into the building today. With joy, we announce a lobby renovation in time for Easter. Part of our mission is to welcome all in Christ, and part of that welcome begins when you enter the sanctuary doors. We give thanks for the committee led by Deb Chrystal that worked hard to plan this amazing new welcoming space. There will be an opening reception with refreshments after this morning’s service to meet some of the artists who contributed and to simply enjoy this new space.
- There will be an Easter party for the children of the community beginning at 2 pm this afternoon. Decorating cookies and an egg hunt will be part of the festivities. We’d love for you and yours to join us.
- The sign-up sheet for the Ladies’ UMW brunch, to be held at 10 am Tuesday April 12 at Pentwater: Centenary United Methodist Church, is available in the church office on the bulletin board or by calling the church office.
- Next week is Holy Week and we invite you to join in several services honoring the final days of Jesus’ life on earth and celebrating resurrection. See today's bulletin insert for days, times and other details.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song **“Hosanna”** Brooke Lightwood
Solo Intro: Heidi Faust

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.
Congregation: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Worship Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

Congregation: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Worship Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Congregation: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Worship Leader: Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Song **“Lamb of God”** Twila Paris
Soloist: Rebecca Frederick

Children’s Time

Song **“This is Where Children Belong”** James Ritchie

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer
(As Pastor ends Pastoral Prayer, congregation joins pastor in the Lord’s Prayer, Hymnal #895).

Offering **“Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace)** Traditional

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 Pew Bibles p. 1231

Sermon **“This Is God’s City”** Pastor Hillary

Closing Song **“Jerusalem, My Destiny”** Rory Cooney

Benediction

Music as We Go **“Jerusalem, My Destiny” Reprise** Cooney

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, April 10 at 10 am Palm Sunday Worship

Monday, April 11 at 7 pm Lent Concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Weare, featuring our Bell Choir and the West Shore Community Concert Choir. Our wonderful music program will be sharing their gifts. Enjoy a meaningful musical invitation into Holy Week.

Tuesday April 12 at 10 am United Methodist Women's Lent Brunch at Centenary UMC in Pentwater: a joint meal with Pastor Vaughn's church featuring a reflection from Pastor Hillary.

Thursday April 14 at 7 pm We will host a joint Maundy Thursday service with St. Paul UMC in our sanctuary. This service commemorates the Last Supper and the commandment to love one another.

Friday April 15 at 7 pm Good Friday service as we remember the day Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. This will be a Tenebrae featuring Christ's last words and extinguishing of candles.

Sunday, April 17 EASTER

Sonrise Service at 6:30 am Greet Easter morning with a joyful heart! Enjoy a walk through the meditative garden of SK and Dennis Osborn, 7293 M-116 in Ludington, as the sun rises at 7 am.

Easter Worship at 10 am in our sanctuary, featuring the Bell Choir and many musical offerings in celebration of a Risen Savior.

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Our **Prayer Shawl** Ministry continues to be very active, thanks to all the lovely ladies that continue to make the shawls! Thank you! We have many beautiful shawls waiting to brighten someone's day in their time of need. We also have yarn available to knit the shawls with instructions. Shawls continue to be on display and available in the sanctuary on the second Sunday of the month.

This week at church

- Today **Palm Sunday**
Worship 10 am, followed by reception to meet the lobby artists and enjoy our renovated lobby.
Easter Party 2 pm
Clarinet Ensemble Practice 3-5 pm, Choir Room
Legacy 4-6 pm
- Mon., April 11 Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
Cub Den 5:30 pm, 4th-5th Grade Room
Lent Concert at St. Joseph Church in Weare 7 pm*
- Tues., Apr. 12 Intercessory Prayer 10 am by Zoom
Ladies' Lent Brunch at Pentwater: Centenary United Methodist Church 10 am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
AFFEW General Meeting and Board 5:30 pm
- Wed., Apr. 13 Rug Ladies 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Room
Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
Books & Beyond 1:00 pm by Zoom
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
- Thurs., Apr. 14 **Maundy Thursday**
Men's Emmaus 4th Day 7:30 am
Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm
- Fri., April 15 **Good Friday**
Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
Good Friday Worship 7 pm

*St. Joseph Catholic Church is located at 2380 W. Jackson Road, Hart.