

Palm
Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026



PalmSunday

*Indicates standing if you are able
B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy Hosanna*

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *Instrumental*

Call To Worship

One: The Ways of Love are mightier than death-dealing systems

All: Hosanna to the Living God!

One: God's presence is steadfast and stubborn like a donkey

All: Hosanna to the Living God!

One: God's spirit is refreshing like the breeze from palm
branches

All: Hosanna to the Living God!

One: When our souls are weary, hope rides into town, turning
empire upside-down

All: Hosanna to the Living God!

One: Holiness lives through those who have solidarity and
compassion

All: Hosanna to the Living God!

Opening Prayer (together)

Jesus—teacher who is with us—this week, as we honor the story of your last week on the earthly plane. May we be like you in your life: protecting the immigrant, honoring the humanity of children, abiding the wisdom of women, attending to those without access to healthcare, and aligning with those cast-off by cruel systems. May your legacy reverberate in our own lives, connecting with compassionate works of people of all spiritualities and philosophies. Amidst the heartbreak of the world, may this network of love bring forth new life. Amen.

***Hymn B-216** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

A Time for Children of All Ages

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you,

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Hosanna to the Son of David

***Hymn B-215** *Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Most in our congregation use "B" on page 9 in the black hymnal. Use the words that work best for you).

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *Instrumental*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *The Holy City*

by Stephen Adams

Guest soloist: Sadie Green

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

All Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Loving God, forgive us for when we , like Jesus' friend, betray each other—choosing shallow convenience over fierce compassion. Aligning with the oppressor instead of following You, God of the Oppressed. Take our gathered gifts and bless them to your Kin-dom, where devoted friendship and tenderness guide the way. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion (see insert)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy and loving God, as we wave palms and remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we are reminded of your promise of hope and renewal. Thank you, O God, for meeting us at this table. We are grateful for Jesus' example of peace and justice, showing us a way of service over power, love over hatred, and courage over fear. May we carry this spirit forward, living as Christ lived. Hosanna, God, save us—not with ease or riches, but by transforming our hearts. Guide us to be instruments of your love and peace. With palms raised and hearts full of praise, we bless your holy name. Amen.

Hymn B-213 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Benediction**

Postlude *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

Redhead & Montgomery

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Group)

Join us from 10am -Noon in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone
Call or text (774)-993-9407

!Last Day for Tulip & Lily orders is Tues. March 31st!

Be sure to place your order forms in the offering plate or leave a phone message for Laura in the office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 29



PalmSunday

10:00 am ~ Worship

Monday, March 30

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ M&Ms

Thursday, April 2



MaundyThursday

6:00pm Dinner Service
Meets in Fellowship Hall

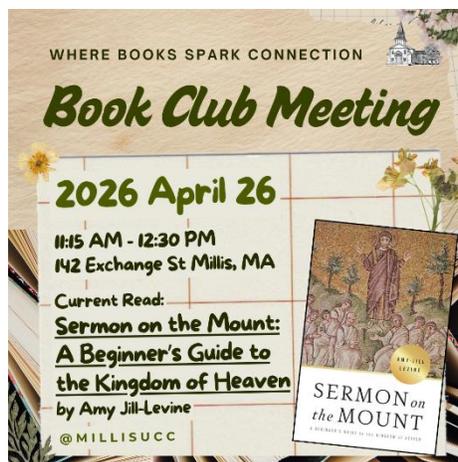
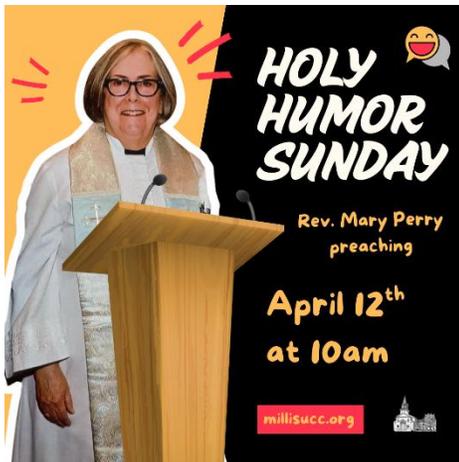
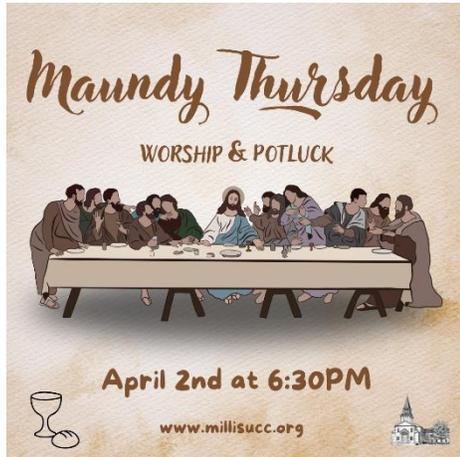
Sunday, April 5



EasterSunday

6:30am ~ Outdoor Sunrise Service
7:00am ~ Breakfast
10:00 am ~ Worship
11:00 am ~ Egg Hunt

UPCOMING EVENTS



Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

Reverend James Admans, Pastor

Rebecca Abalutzk, Music Director

Laura Kohring, Administrative Assistant

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Worship God, Serve Our Neighbors, Share God's Love

Sacrament of Communion

God's Relentless Invitation – adapted from the enfleshed liturgy library

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

All: We open our hearts to you, O God.

One: Let us give thanks to God, our life-breath

All: To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!

With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation—the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones—all that is has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touch by your Sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us—individually and as a whole—as your beloveds. You will for us life abundant and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

And yet, daily, we turn away from you and one another. Destructive and divisive powers lure us away from connection and relationship. We forget that we need each other. We pretend that our lives are not deeply entangled. When injustice threatens our neighbors, we too easily cower or hide.

Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult, we too are tempted to desert those most vulnerable.

But you do not abandon us to our fear or sin. In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open. No matter our past. No matter our regrets. No matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others, you keep calling us back to you.

This relentless invitation of yours that entices with freedom and joy and forgiveness is such a threat to empire that it still attempts to crucify every incarnation of your love today. And so, we are reminded of the example given to us in the person of Jesus.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

And so in remembrance of the One who never gave up on love, we pray that the Spirit would make us one in our commitment to the liberation of all your creatures and creations. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, that through these ordinary gifts, we might taste a glimpse of your Kin-dom. May they be for us a reminder of what we are capable of becoming and what we are capable of accomplishing together. Amen.

Invitation to the Table & Sharing of Elements

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

God, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it sustain us as we confront evil that keeps us from living the lives you intended for us and for all your creatures and creations. Until every life can be lived abundantly, be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.