

Cicero United Methodist Church April 10, 2022



* Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

GREETING and brief announcements

*SCRIPTURE NARRATION Matthew 21:1-11 David Guiles & company Response to the reading:

The Word of God for us, the beloved people of God Thanks be to God. AMEN

*1ST PALM PARADE SONG "Filled with Excitement" UMH 279

YOUNG CHRISTIANS TIME

*2ND PALM PARADE SONG "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" UMH 280 v. 1,3,4 & 5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made:

It is filled with signs of God's presence.

The Holy Spirit's breath permeates every moment;

God's grace fills each experience;

God's promises to move within all events between here and the cross, pulling us toward hope.

And so, we come with thanksgiving and praise for the deep love and steadfast faithfulness of God.

We come to worship the God of our wholeness and holiness. Thanks be to God.

GIVING TIME

Offertory

- *Doxology
- *Dedication

CALL TO PRAYER

"You Are Mine"

FWS 2218

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healer of our every ill, especially when we find it difficult to believe or trust that sorrow will end, we come before you to make our petitions known. Hear our cries for healing of body, mind, and spirit. We know that already you are at work among us, showing us the way to recovery from the toxicities and grief of our time.

Even when we cannot seem to believe it, we know that you see beauty in our brokenness. We pray especially for those who feel there is no end to sorrow; for those times when no matter what we do or how hard we work to bring peace and justice to our world, it feels like we cannot gain traction. Our hearts cry out in deep lament for our Savior to rescue all who are hurting, oppressed, and lost! We give thanks that when we cannot bring ourselves

to the healing source of your love, there are others around us that, through words and actions, bring us hope once again.

Help us to also be those who offer hope when we have the opportunity in this parade of compassion called life.

We pray this day for...

Our Petitions and Celebrations

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven...... Amen

ANTHEM "Jerusalem, Behold Your King", by Michael Barrett and David Angerman. Soloist-Mike Irwin (and) this anthem is given in memory of Gene Bowman Performed by the Chancel Choir, led by Nancy Congdon

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:12-17

Response to the reading: The Word of God for us, the beloved people of God.

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MESSAGE

PRAYERS FOR GRACE AND ASSURANCE

Let us pray together:
Forgiving God,
We have opened ourselves to healing
and sometimes it is easier to pray nice prayers
than to do the hard work

of putting into action what needs to happen.
Help us remember
the sacred nature of the holy vessels that we are,
fragile and susceptible to shattering,
and yet capable of transformation.
Help us to see ourselves
as you see us.
Help us to believe in our ability
to change and heal as you believe in us.

Help us, Healer.
Show us our strength.
Forgive our apathy.
Move us to move
one step at a time
toward greater care of self and others.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Silence

ASSURANCE (responsively)

Know this:

We are never alone in the struggle.

No. Matter. What.

Jesus is on the journey with us.

Life's parade is not passing us by.

We are part of this Body of Christ, a community seeking healing.

For you, for me, for all.

We breathe this truth in deeply to let it fill us............

and we breathe out with the relief of assurance.

Let this be our peace.

Passing the Peace of Christ The Peace of all peace, Jesus the Christ, is with you all. And also with you.

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*SENDING MUSIC "O How He Loves Me"

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Diane's office hours are Wednesday's 10:30-1:00. Appointments are appreciated but not necessary. Cell: 315-532-3354

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thursday April 14 @ 7:00 pm - live-streamed & in-person

Good Friday April 15 @ 7:00 pm - live-streamed & in-person

Easter Sunday April 17 - 2 services

8:30 a.m. Service - in-person only

11:00 a.m. Service - live-streamed & in-person

(NOTE: As of this writing we still need to accommodate cleaning of the sanctuary between services. We have also learned that people prefer to worship in the Sanctuary rather than watch it on the screen in Fellowship Hall.)

Post-Easter services @ 10:00 a .m. in-person & live-streamed

ANNOUNCING OUR MISSION FIELD OPPORTUNITIES

Chicken BBQ: preorder tickets on sale in the welcome center this week.

We also need 25 DOZEN cookies (homemade preferred but purchased also ok) for this event please sign up at the BBQ table as well

Book sale and Luncheon is now scheduled for Friday May 20 and Saturday May 21st.

Book sale 9:30am-2:00pm, Lunch served 11:30am-1:00pm. Help needed

We are NOW accepting donations of books, cds, dvs, and puzzles. Please bring donations to church and leave in room 7 in the Sunday school wing. Please see Jan Cerimeli or Nancy Congdon for more information

OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY PARTNERS

Worship is prepared and staffed by:

Music Ministry Team: Nancy Congdon, Ben Shearer, & The Praise Singers: Ken Hinman, Sue Potonzo

& April Smith

Camera Operator: Joe Finch

Slide & Sound Technicians: Tim Gauthier; Rick Rudmann

Tech consultant: Rob Smith

Worship Team: Deb Irwin, Nancy Congdon, April Smith, Jan Cerimeli, Jeanette Elwood, Cindy Brink,

Sue Werner

Administrative Assistant: Mary Slack-Nolan

Pastors: Rev. Susan Ranous and Rev. Diane DiLuzio

Sunday School is staffed by:

Sue Bonspille, *director*; Vicky Moore, Linda Bouwens, Christine Burton, Rachel Panek, Sarah Jones, Alyssa Dunsmoor, Stephanie Lotts, Larry Bonspille, Emily Bush, Susan Coulter, *teachers*.

The Nursery is staffed by:

Jennifer George & Jennifer Meyer

Interim Co-pastors

Rev. Diane DiLuzio dianediluzio@unyumc.org Cell:315-532-3354 Rev. Susan Ranous susanranous@unyumc.org Cell: 315-427-3668

-Exit off I-81 at Cicero, take Rt 31 West to Rt 11 North-8416 Brewerton Rd. Cicero NY 13039 (315)-699-2731

We are handicap accessible with ample parking near each entrance.

Our greeters will gladly provide directions.

