

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SALINE
Worshipping Christ ... Welcoming All

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Hebrew Adult Education Class

***SONG CELEBRATION & WELCOME**

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

Children wishing to attend W.O.W. (1st-6th grade) in Room G may do so at this time.

There are Worship Bags available in the back of the sanctuary for children staying in the service.

MEMORY VERSE

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness; The punishment for our well-being fell on Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5

OFFERING TIME

Please sign and pass the red attendance books that can be found on the seat at the end of the pew, then pass them back.

PRAYER TIME

Jeanette Brenner

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-11

MESSAGE

"Grape Expectations"

(7th in the Lenten Series: I Am)

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

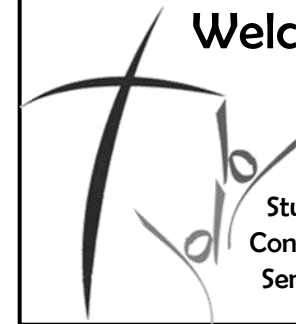
***CLOSING SONG**

CLOSING WORDS

Saline First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 25, 2018

**Worshipping Christ...
Welcoming All!**



Studying God's Word
Connecting with Christ
Serving through Love

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

9:00 am

Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude

Ring of the Church Bell

Announcements

Ministry Moment

Hebrew Adult Education Class

Bringing in the Light

Campbell and Mary Kate Murphy

*Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#278

*Welcome

Dr. James Tuttle

Children's Procession of the Palms

Pat Merrill

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Offertory Anthem

Let Sweet Hosannas Ring

Hayes

*Doxology

#95

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, You are the vine grower, and we belong to You. Thank You for carefully tending to us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in Him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

#277

Prayer Time

Prayers of the People

Jeanette Brenner

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.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CROSSWALK

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018, 2:30–4:00 PM

ENTIRE COMMUNITY WELCOME!

WE WILL MEET IN DOWNTOWN SALINE AND TAKE TURNS CARRYING THE CROSS TO STRATEGIC PLACES IN A TWO BLOCK RADIUS TO PRAY FOR OUR CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, CHURCHES, COMMERCE, SCHOOLS, & PEOPLE...WHILE REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE THE LORD HAS MADE FOR US. PARKING ALLOWED AT SALINE CITY HALL.

- STOP 1—ROBISON-BAHNMILLER, MICHIGAN AVE. AND N. DAVENPORT
- STOP 2—SALINE FIRE STATION, MICHIGAN AVE. AND N. HARRIS
- STOP 3—FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MICHIGAN AVE. AND HALL ST.
- STOP 4—COMMERCE BUILDING, MICHIGAN AVE.
- STOP 5—OLD SALINE AREA SOCIAL SERVICES, MICHIGAN AVE.
- STOP 6—THE OLD UNION SCHOOL, ANN ARBOR ST. AND E. MCKAY ST.
- STOP 7—NEIGHBORHOOD, MCKAY ST.
- STOP 8—CITY HALL & POLICE STATION, MCKAY AND N. HARRIS

THEN JESUS SAID, “WHOEVER WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.” MATTHEW 16:24

First Impressions—Our outreach to the community begins with our appearance from the road, sidewalk, and parking lot. That's where we make our first impression with the way our building, yard, landscape beds look. Do they look well maintained and cared for, or unkempt and dreary. We hire the lawn mowing to be done but EVERYTHING ELSE IS VOLUNTEER. On May 5 from 9:00 am until noon we are asking for a crowd of helpful people to come and give our grounds their annual spring cleanup. The more people that come, the more we accomplish, it's that simple. Bring rakes, shovels, gloves and anything else you think you may need, please put your name on your tools. We also have an amazing group of people that continue to maintain the landscape beds all summer. If you are interested in taking on an area please sign up at the Opportunity wall or contact Pam Heffelbower, 320-6090. It usually requires a few hours per month. If you have landscape design experience and are willing to share your expertise, please contact Pam as well. Thank you in advance for considering helping on May 5, many hands really do make light work for all.

Ministry News—The Underground

Jay Leadley, Director of Youth & Family Ministry, jay@fumc-saline.org, 734-429-4730

Visit the Youth Ministry pages on the church website or pick up a calendar at the Opportunity Wall.

Sunday School—Join us at 10:10 am in the lower level of the CLC.

Worship Team—Sundays at 4:30 pm.

Worship Workshop—Monday nights 7:30–9:00 pm.

The Underground—For 7th–12th Graders, Sunday Nights, 5:30–8:00 pm, dinner included!

Before School Bible Study—Fridays, 6:30 am, at Jay's, breakfast and rides.

CIY Move—A 5 night, 6 day event for all 8th–12th graders held at Hope College Monday June 25–Saturday June 30. Registration is available online.

CIY Mix—a 4 night, 5 day event for all current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders held at Hope College Sunday July 29–Thursday August 2. Registration is available online.

Children's Ministry News

Linda Klepaczkyk, Director of Children & Family Ministry, lindak@fumc-saline.org, 429-4730

CROSS TRAINING is our Sunday School program for children K through grade 6. Each week grade levels go to a different workshop as we dig together into God's word. This month we are focusing on the "I AM" statements of Christ. Tots In Training is our preschool class for 3 and 4 year olds.

FISH FRIDAY—Friday, April 6 from 6:30-8:30 in Room O/P. This month we are helping prepare Comfort Case items for packing! No special skills needed and all ages welcome! Just come with a heart willing to serve. Sign up for pizza at the Opportunity Wall by Thursday April 5, and bring a \$2 donation per person for pizza.

FAMILY CENTERED PRAYER CHAIN—Do you ever wish you could call on someone to pray for your family, your children, or your spouse in a moment's notice? Maybe it is a midnight trip to urgent care, a colicky baby, a bully at school, or just a bad week in general. If you are interested in participating in a family centered prayer chain, email Linda Klepaczkyk at lindak@fumc-saline.org.

HOMEFRONT—Mark your calendars for our next HomeFront Gathering which is Sunday, April 29, at 4:30 pm. If you are interested in a digital subscription to this awesome resource for parents, caregivers, and grandparents, sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Each issue contains simple ways to incorporate intentional spiritual activities in your schedule.

SonLight—Rehearsals will be starting soon for another awesome black light presentation. SonLight is a group open to all 5th through 8th graders. We will rehearse Saturday mornings from 9:30 am–12:00 pm on April 7, 21, & 28. Our presentation will be on Growing Sunday which is April 29 in both services.

Adult Sunday School Update—Coming soon! Mark your calendars!

Spiritual Gifts Class—This is a one-session class offered by the Call Team, on April 15, and you're invited. Join us for an opportunity to learn more about yourself, ask questions, and see how God has made each of us for His purposes. It all starts at 10:10 am in Christler Hall.

Hebrew for Dummies—Learning the basics of a new language is not as hard as it sounds. We will have fun singing songs and using hand motions to help us learn some basic concepts of this language that has deep roots in the Jewish and, therefore, Christian Faith. Each week we'll have a "word of the day", and just by learning about one word, it will change the way that you view both scripture and God. We'll learn letters and the sounds that they make. Broaden your understanding of the Word and of God Himself in this 8 week class starting on April 15 in Room F, facilitated by Jay Leadley.

Grieving Together—Grieving the loss of a loved one is such a hard and lonely journey. Why choose to go it alone when you can sit on the grieving bench with others who understand, support and pray with you. Stephen Ministry facilitates this grief support group, on the first Monday of the month 12:30–2:00 pm and the third Monday of the month 7:00–9:00 pm. All are welcome.

Scripture John 15:1–8 N.T. Page 109

Choral Anthem *I Am the Vine* Butler

Scripture John 15:9–17 N.T. Page 109

Sermon "Grape Expectations" Rev. Tom Zimmerman
(7th in the Lenten Series: I Am)

***Closing Hymn** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* #280

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit* CCLI#978430

Welcome! If you have recently begun to worship with us please pick up a welcome gift at the welcome center in the lobby. Please join us for coffee in Christler Hall between services, or visit a Sunday School Class.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Room C—Study of Galatians

Room H—Parenting class: *14 Gospel Principals That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul Tripp.

Room E—Ray Vanderlaan Video Series—Video tour of the Holy Land.

Choir Room—Lenten Study: I AM...

God put the wiggles in children and we welcome those wiggles in our worship services. For children attending worship with their family, there are **Worship Bags and Activity Clipboards** in the back of the sanctuary with age appropriate quiet activities. Please return the bags and clipboards after the service.

Childcare is available for children birth to 3 years from 8:45 am–12:30 pm (Room J/Nursery in the Education Wing)

Godly Play (Room N in the Education Wing)—Play based worship for children 4 years through Kindergarten in the **9:00 Service Only**

Worship Our Way (Room G)—Worship Service for children 1st through 6th Grade—**Both Services**

Children are dismissed to these programs after the Children's Message each week. If you are new with us today, please fill out a purple registration card in your pew, and take it with your child to the back of the sanctuary. Children can be picked up in the above rooms following the service.

The first Sunday of every month is our **Family Worship Sunday**. Children & Youth assist in leading worship and children stay with their families throughout worship.

Sensory Bags are available for use during worship services for those who might find them helpful. They contain noise cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads and appropriate manipulatives. Please see an usher for assistance and direction.

Large Print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Assisted Listening Devices are available from an usher. These devices can be used alone like a portable radio or with T-coil compatible hearing aids.

Birthdays This Week ~ Carol Evans, Stevie Kise, Lindsey Krebs, Katie Murphy, 3/25; Will Minnette, Kimberly Patterson, 3/26; Kristi Cundiff, David Prielipp, Larry Woods, 3/27; Deb Belaire, Brett Hipsher, 3/28; Jon Brenner, Peyton Cundiff, Jon Pickett, Wade Roush, 3/29; Cameron Corwin, Leela Dean, William Fowler, James Fuller, Susan Leslie, Luke Masters, Austin Welch, Gillian Welch, 3/30; Sam Babcock, Mason Miller, Mark Nichols, 3/31.

Anniversaries This Week ~ Ray & Sue Kelch, 3/27.

Due Dates ~ The closing date for submission of articles for the April newsletter is noon Monday, April 23. Please submit articles for the bulletin or narthex screens by noon on Wednesdays.

Bake Sale Today—Come down to Christler Hall for delicious baked goods between services today, and support our Youth Missions!

Potluck Easter Breakfast—For the Easter Sunrise breakfast that follows the Youth 7:00 am Sunrise service on April 1, we will have a potluck! If you are willing to bring a dish to pass please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or on today's bulletin insert, or contact Pilar at 429-4730 or pilar@fumc-saline.org. If you are also willing to help set up or cleanup you can indicate that also. Suggestions for dishes include: muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit, egg casserole, coffee cake, French toast casserole, cold cereal, sausage or bacon, and oatmeal. If you have something else in mind, that's okay also!

Comfort Cases—The push is on as we head into the last few weeks of donations. We will continue to collect until the big Packing Party on April 8 from 12:30–2:00 pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help pack the cases. All ages welcome. A sign-up sheet is at the Opportunity Wall. **REMINDER:** We are still in need of PJ's (**especially boys size 8**), coloring books, easy reader books and backpacks/duffle bags. Due to overwhelming response we have received enough stuffed animals. Thank you all for your support, as we bring a much needed sense of dignity to these Foster Children.

Rummage Sale April 7—Our Youth Mission Spring Rummage Sale will be April 7, 7:30 am–1:00 pm. *Drop off GENTLY used, CLEAN items:* April 3–5 in the CLC, 9:00 am–8:00 pm; and Friday, April 6, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Your donations of gently used household and clothing items would be very much appreciated. We cannot accept mattresses, box springs, construction materials, major appliances, or computers. It is VERY helpful if you are able to help sort your items when you bring them to the church. Come and shop on April 7! Please talk to Jay Leadley if you have any questions.

Amateur Hour—Don't miss the fun! Pick up an entry form for the all-church Amateur Hour and start honing your talents. Set your sights on Saturday, April 14. The entry box and a sign-up for intermission desserts are at the Opportunity Wall. Too shy to show your talents? Come enjoy the show, 6:00–8:30 pm for some good entertainment. Rehearsal will be Friday, April 13 from 6:00–8:00 pm, the tech volunteers use this time to organize which mic's and props are needed. Questions: contact Margo Perry, (734) 223-4216. Sponsored by the Community Care Team.

Neighborhood Groups—Neighborhood Group Lists and maps are on display in the Narthex. *There may be people not assigned to a group, rest assured we will fix this.* After Easter we will kick off each of the groups with a Sunday Coffee Hour at 10:00 am. We look forward to starting this new adventure in our church!

April 8	North Group	April 29	East Group
April 15	South Group	May 6	Uptown Group
April 22	West Group	May 20	Downtown Group

The next events will be Neighborhood Group picnics on Tuesdays in the summer.

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns—Jewel Francis, Josie Rayle, Theresa Benedict-Miller, Jim Badeen, Ronald Carter, Bob Cooley, Aaron, Brian Setzer, the Burke family, Casey & Jared Marks, strength while waiting for test results, for a fruitful job search.

Continue to Pray for—Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Mary Jo Cox, Julie O'Keefe, Gayle Rogers, Nancy Bryan, Don Gall, Wanda Beard, Bill Doren, Chase Yarns, Ina May Doub, Jeanne Cogger, Judy Marks, Charolette Becker.

Praises—The birth of Ruby, daughter of Steve & Jamie Robison. Rhonda Sizemore's grandnephew is recovering. Successful March Madness tournament. Don Maddock is healing following surgery.

Sympathies—Rita Gall and family on the death of Rita's mother, Fran Schramm.

Military—Erik Maddock, J.T. St. Dennis, Abby Jenks.

Special Living—Florence Belt (Texas); Helen Seitz (Oakmont Rochester); Norma Jean West, Jim Bowker, Mildred Mehrling (Linden Square); Roselyn Ford, Elaine Carter (EVH); Ihla Donaldson (Towsley Village CRC), Pat Boisvert (Brecon Memory), Charolette Becker (Redies).

Prayer Quilt: Please tie a knot and say a prayer for our dear friend Betty Sellers.

Prayer Notes: _____

Scholarships Available—Applications for the **Carr Memorial**, and the **Congregational Scholarships** are at the Opportunity Wall. The Carr Memorial Scholarship is open to all members of Saline First United Methodist Church who are current seniors at Saline High School and are planning to enroll in a post high school educational institute in the FALL of 2018. The Congregational Scholarship is open to all members of Saline First United Methodist Church who are current seniors in **any** high school and are planning to enroll in a post high school educational institute in the FALL of 2018. Completed applications for both scholarships must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Mountain T.O.P. Summer Staff—Sammy Sabo will be working at Mountain T.O.P. this summer. Sammy will provide more information about his summer position during a Ministry Moment on April 29. Mountain T.O.P. is the summer mission trip our Sr. High Youth have done for many years. In order for Sammy to be on staff he needs to fundraise and would appreciate any support from his church family. Please prayerfully consider partnering with Sammy, every donation helps bring him closer to his goal AND it is tax deductible! Forms are at the Opportunity Wall.

Fireproof Filing Cabinet—On behalf of the Finance Committee, we would like to express our gratitude to the anonymous donor who gave a gift to purchase a brand new fireproof filing cabinet. Thank you so much!

Resurrection Sunday—Easter, April 1, we have an exciting celebration planned for that morning. Because we are offering the sacrament of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday (March 29), we are postponing our regular communion schedule one week. It will be available at our services on April 8.

HOLY WEEK



Maundy Thursday Service—March 29, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service—March 30, noon

CrossWalk—March 30, 2:30 pm, meet at RBF

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All items should be at the church by 7:15 am on Easter morning. The church will be open from 10:00 am–1:00 pm on Saturday, March 31, if you want to drop items off in the kitchen then. Thank you!

For April 1 breakfast I will bring:

I can help:

_____ 1 loaf of bread

_____ Set-up

_____ Fruit Salad

_____ Clean-up

_____ Crock pot of oatmeal

_____ Dishes (wash & dry)

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_____ Cooked breakfast meat

Other _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday—March 25

9:00 am.....Traditional Worship
10:00 am..... Bake Sale – Kitchen, Christler Hall
10:10 am..... Sunday School All Ages
11:15 am..... The Connection Point Worship Service
5:30 pm..... The Underground – CH, CLC, YC, E
5:30 pm..... Stephen Ministry Class – Conf Rm
6:00 pm..... Lenten Study – Rm C

Monday—March 26

1:00 pm..... Shawl Ministry – Rm E
6:30 pm..... Open Prayer Mtg – Cry Rm
7:00 pm..... Church Council – Rm A
7:30 pm..... Youth Worship Band Practice – YC

Tuesday—March 27

9:30 am..... WISE AM – Rm F
6:30 pm..... Friendship Ministry – G, O, P
7:00 pm..... Lenten Study – Rm C

Wednesday—March 28

9:30 am..... Lenten Study – Rm F
12:30 pm..... Prayer Quilts – Rm F
1:00 pm..... Library Committee – Rm C
6:45 pm..... Small Group One – Offsite
7:00 pm..... WISE PM – Rm E
7:00 pm..... Christian Believer
7:00 pm..... Praise Team/Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

Thursday—March 29

9:30 am..... Open Prayer Mtg – Cry Rm
7:00 pm..... Maundy Thursday Service

Friday—March 30

12:00 pm..... Church Office closes at noon
12:00 pm..... Good Friday Service
2:30 pm..... Community Cross Walk – Offsite

Saturday—March 31

9:00 am..... Youth Easter Rehearsal – CLC

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