

Celebration of Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 22, 2015

Prelude

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" John Sweeney

As gathering in, worshipers may receive palm branches from ushers. While prelude is being played, the worshipers may engage in the act of worship through quiet meditation and private prayer. The dedication of presence may be made by writing the name on the registration pad placed on the pew.

Lighting of Christ's Candle Chiming of Steeple Bell

Overture – by Shusako Endo Liturgist

From the village of Bethany to the city of Jerusalem was scarcely half an hour's walk. Moving from the village and across the Mount of Olives, a twist in the road revealed as if by magic a panoramic view of the dun-brown holy city within its fortified walls ... All along the valley and all across the lower slope of Mount Olivet stirred the masses of pilgrims who had come for the Passover festival.

*Procession-UMH No. 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
ELLACOMBE

*Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Today we enter Holy Week, with its cycle of life, death, and new life.

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Jesus, the holy one, the whole one, enters Jerusalem as he rides on the back of a donkey colt, Crowds wave palm branches and cry out.

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Jesus, our mentor of wholeness, guide us through the streets of our journey. Open our eyes and our ears to the guiding of God's spirit who calls us to costly faithfulness and to joyous wholeness. Let us sing with all our selves.

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn - UMH No. 159 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER
While the first stanza is sung, the processional group returns to their seat. Color guards set up the colors in the chancel area.

*Scout Oath and Scout Law

Scouts and troop leaders may stand and declare Scout Oath and Law.

Litany

Offered in Unison
Jesus, on this day they hailed you with tree branches as you rode through Jerusalem; but shortly they would cry out

against you and compel you to carry your own cross through the same streets. We confess that their fickleness is ours also, that infidelity to you lurks in our hearts as surely as it did in theirs. By your graciousness, grant that our songs of "Hosanna!" may not turn into shouts of "Crucify!" By your cross and passion, save us, O merciful Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayer

Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of Rhode Island, the Ocean State, joined our union on May 28, 1790 (settled in 1636). For Church Unity: Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Pastoral Prayer

Shawn Vollmerhausen

Joys and concerns may be lifted up prior to the pastoral prayer.

Anthem

"Hosanna, Hosanna"

Combined Choirs

Children's Message

Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

Offertory

"Sing Praise"

Arr. Marilyn Ham

*Doxology – UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Lesson - TEV Pg. 142 "John 12:12-16"

NIV

TEV: Today's English Version, Pew Bible

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

¹³They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." ¹⁶At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

This is the word of God. ... Thanks be to God!

Witness to the Word

Shawn Vollmerhausen

"A Donkey?"

*HYMN – UMH No. 298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

While singing, color guard leave immediately after acolyte extinguishes altar candles.

*Benediction

Leader: Lord God, from the abundance of your mercy, enrich your servants and safeguard them. Strengthened by your blessing, may they always be thankful to you and be prepared

to serve your people with unending joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Toccata"

Albert Travis

Boldfaced type denotes "all reading." *indicates stands as able.
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS – The Faith We Sing

Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [“two-by-two”] (Matthew 10:1-5).

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God's Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

Following Jesus" through Biblical Literacy!



During Lent you are invited to encounter the Holy Word taken from the book Deuteronomy, last book of Pentateuch, a new law given to the new generation of the Exodus people. Reading Deuteronomy will help the congregation or the individual person of faith who love to reshape their spiritual journey with the New

Law of God, which was an inspiring source for spirituality of New Testament. Five primary themes of Deuteronomy is selected for Lenten Supper and Study on Wednesdays. You are invited to LSS with light supper. Check it out at 6:15 p.m.

The New Covenant

Deuteronomy 29:1-34:12

Here Moses is deliberately setting up a contrast between the covenant at Sinai and the covenant he envisions for Israel in the future. The past ended in Israel's failure to keep the covenant and trust in God. But there is hope for the future; to this hope Moses now turns.

Warnings Regarding the Covenant (29:2-28)

Future Blessing (30:1-20)

Moses takes a long look into the future of God's people. Israel's disobedience would lead to their captivity in a foreign land. At that point, they will again turn to the Lord, and the Lord will have compassion on them and restore them to the land (vv. 1-5). The Lord will give them a new heart (a circumcised heart; v. 6, 10:16), and they will "love him with all heart and with all soul, and live."

Provisions for Maintaining the Leadership of Moses (31:1-29)

The Song of Moses (31:30-32:47)

This song teaches the major lessons in the Pentateuch (just as Genesis 49; Numbers 24). The central theme is Israel's apostasy and God's threatening judgment. Moses closes his song with a reminder to the people to pay close attention to the words he has put before them and to teach them carefully to their children (vv. 45-57).

God's Instructions to Moses to Die on Mount Nebo (32:48-52)

The Blessings of Moses (33:1-29)

These final words of Moses to the people are introduced as a "blessing." They begin with a brief introduction (vv. 2-5) and, after listing the blessings for each of the tribes of Israel (vv. 6-25), Simeon excluded, they conclude with a summary (vv. 26-29).

The Death of Moses (34:1-12)

The account of Moses' death was probably added long after his death. His burial was so far in the past that the location of his grave was uncertain to the writer. In fact, the writer says God buried him. Furthermore, a long succession of prophets had come and gone so that the writer could say, "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses" 9v. 10).

This Week at Savage

FH – fellowship hall, F&MC – faith and ministry center

Sun. March 29 – Palm and Passion Sunday

8:30a Adult Sunday School	FH
9:30a Worship	Sanctuary
9:45a Sunday School	Classrooms; F&MC
11a Rock'N Praise Practice	F&MC3
12-3p Play Practice	FH
1:30p MARA Community Church	Sanctuary
7:30p NA	FH

Holy Mon., March 30

9a-1p Church Office closed	Church Office at F&MC
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Holy Tue., March 31

9a-1p Church Office closed	Church Office at F&MC
10a Staff Meeting (cancelled)	Pastor's Study at F&MC
11a-2p Meet Pastor (Cancelled)	F&MC kitchen
11a "Disciple" Study (Cancelled)	

Holy Wed., April 1

9a-1p Church Office Opens	Church Office at F&MC
7p NA	F&MC2
7p Bowling Brook	F&MC3

Maundy Thur., April 2

9a-1p Church Office Opens	Church Office at F&MC
11a Coffee with the Pastor(Cancelled)	F&MC
6:15p Bell Choir	Choir Room
7p "Tenebrae Service"	Sanctuary

Good Fri., April 3

Easter Sun. April 5 – Easter Sunday

7:00a Easter Sunrise Service	Bethel Assembly of God
8:30a Adult Sunday School	FH
9:30a Worship	Sanctuary
9:45a Sunday School	Classrooms; F&MC
1:30p MARA Community Church	Sanctuary
7:30p NA	FH

Please call Sharon Brown at 301-725-7630 for a guaranteed appointment, private meeting or pastoral counseling.



*Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,
"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father
David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"*

Mark 11:9-11

March 29, 2015

Palm/Passion Sunday

**Celebrating the Scouting Ministries
with Troop 424**

9:30 a.m.

Mission: Make people blessed with the Gospel of Jesus

Our Journey: Praise God, experience God, serve God and share God!

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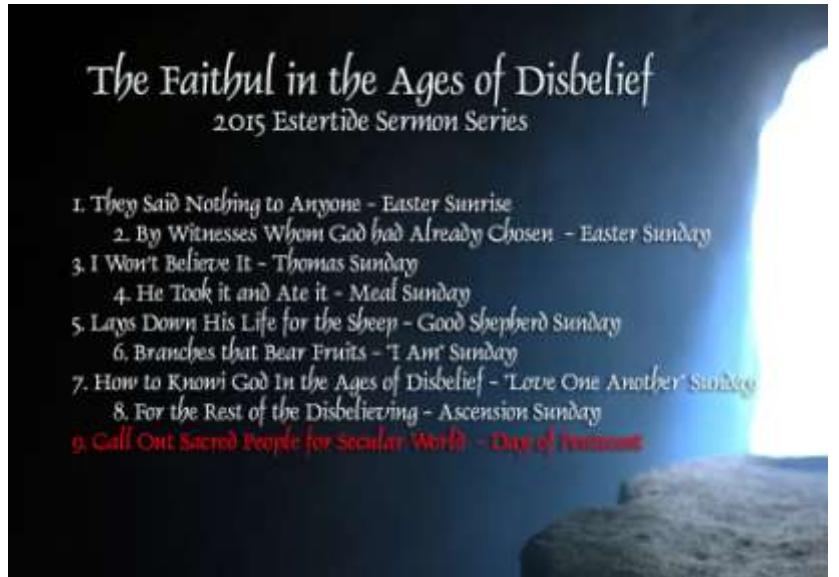
*Our church bell, made in 1838, rang daily at the Savage Cotton Mill
to begin and end the workday. Now the bell calls us to worship!*

You Are Welcome - Just as You Are!

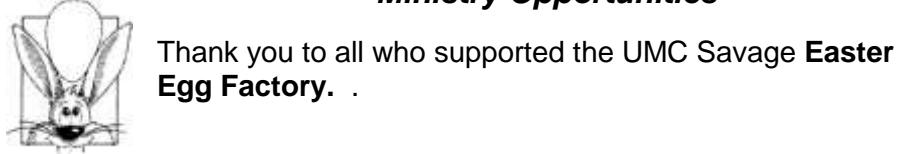
All are welcome at Savage. You truly matter to us, because you matter to God. We understand ourselves as Christians in worship, study, service and witnessing; and affirming each person's unique gifts and talents, we invite you into a loving relationship with God. If you want to know more about Savage United Methodist Church or about Christianity, please indicate so in the registration pad as it is placed in the pew. If there is information that you feel would help us better serve you, please indicate this. We honor and celebrate your decision to be here!

Ministry Opportunities

New Sermon Series Eastertide



Ministry Opportunities



Thank you to all who supported the UMC Savage **Easter Egg Factory**.

Scrapbooking Crop and Crafters Day

Join us for fellowship and work on your scrapbook in our space. The cost is \$20 for your own table space to scrapbook all day. Not a scrapbook person, that's alright, feel free to bring your knitting, crocheting, beading, quilting, or paper crafting. Call the office at 301-725-7630 or email office@umcsavage.org to sign up. Tentative schedule this year is as follows: March 28, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 21, December 12. Generally 9am-7pm.

Upcoming events:

April 5th, Community Sunrise Service @ Bethel Assembly of God, 7am
April 5th, Easter Service
April 11th Scrapbook Fundraiser, 9a-7p, FH
May 1st & 2nd, Musical "Noah," 7pm, Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at door.

Upper Room March/April Edition available in the narthex.

A \$2 donation is requested.