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Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026

Sermon Series: *Journey's End/A New Start*

**Greeting**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

**People: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

Siblings in Christ, I welcome you to worship this Palm Sunday morning and beginning of Holy Week. This is the Sunday we shout our loud Hosannas. This is the Sunday we wave our palms. This is the Sunday we bless his name. This is the Sunday that leads to the cross.

***Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.***

**Prelude** 'Hosanna' – Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)  
*The Light of Christ Enters the Sanctuary*

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

**People: We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

Leader: The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

**People: We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

Leader: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

Leader: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

**People: We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

**Opening Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

**1. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.**

**2. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

**3. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.**

**4. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**5. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

*The Passover Praise Psalm*

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let Israel say,

**People: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD

**People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

**People: O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

**People: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

**People: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Here ends the reading of the Word.*

## Gospel Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

## Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

*A reading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew*

### *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, **"Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."**

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet;

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, *"Who is this?"*

The crowds were saying, *"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

Pastor: "The word of God for the people of God."

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Prayer of Preparation:** *Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and put a new and right spirit within me. Then our lips will open, and our mouths will declare praise. Amen.*

*"Marching Orders"*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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Matthew 21:1-11

**Response to the Word:** *King of kings and Lord of lords...take your place in our hearts and minds so that your will becomes our will and your way becomes our way. Help us to give ourselves away to you so that you can use us to transform this world into what you want it to be...one act of saving faith at a time. Amen.*

## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## Pastoral Prayer

God of our lives,

Six weeks ago we gathered in this place to begin our Lenten journey.

We reflected on our mortality, on our need for each other, on our need for you.

Since that day of ashes, we have journeyed day by day to Jerusalem,  
to the procession of palms and hosannas,  
to the temple and to the streets,  
to the Garden of Gethsemane and what lies beyond.

It has not always been an easy journey.  
We have been stretched and challenged,  
as we will continue to be in the days to come.  
We are grateful, God, that we have not been alone on this way.  
We are grateful that you have been with us all the while,  
supporting us even as you confront us.  
And we are grateful that we have had each other as travelling companions.

You have created us to be in community with each other,  
and in days like this we know why.  
Thank you for this sacred community,  
cast in your image, shaped by your love.

Help us, as we follow Jesus together,  
to broaden our concept of community, to include not only those we know and love,  
but also strangers both near and far,  
and, yes, even our enemies and those who hate us.

Capture our hearts and minds with a vision of your kingdom,  
and inspire us to work tirelessly to bring it to be in this world.

You have shown us, God, what is right and just;  
you have shown us what it means to love as you love.  
In Christ, you have shown us what it means to give everything to this call,  
to live lives of radical obedience, radical humility, radical love.

Lord, may we live our lives with such determination and focus  
that we might find the courage to lay aside the pleasures, comforts, and needs of our own lives  
in order to give life to others—indeed, abundant life for all. **Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

Jesus shared his meals with all kinds of people—doubters, believers, and skeptics; rich and poor; leaders and followers; scholars and fishermen and tax collectors, palm wavers and parade watchers.

Jesus calls us all to come, taste, and see that God is good, that there is enough for everyone, that there is another way.

This is the table where all kinds of people, from all kinds of places, in all kinds of times, meet.  
This table does not belong to the United Methodist Church, or to this congregation. This table belongs to the risen Christ, and the risen Christ is the one who promises to meet us here.

This is the table where we can begin a journey, where we can make a turn, where we can be strengthened for the road ahead.

So come, not because you understand, but because you want to know God more.

Come, not because you love God a lot, but because you love God a little and want to love more.

Come, not because your faith is unshakeable, but because you could use some strength for the journey.

Come, not because you are already perfect and worthy, but because it is Christ himself who invites you to share in the feast.

### **Call to Confession**

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance** (responsive)

Leader: Christ offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** (responsive)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Let our hosannas to the one who brings liberation take form in our tithes and offering.

**Offertory Anthem 'O Saviour Of The World' – John Goss (1800-1880)**

**Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below:  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer (unison)**

**Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving Palm Sunday***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In love you made us for yourself;  
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,  
your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,  
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments  
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,  
we may come to the fullness of grace  
that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,  
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Breaking the Bread**

#### **Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Anthem 'Hide Not Thou Thy Face' – Richard Farrant (1525-1580)**

#### **Communion Hymn "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"**

- 1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.**
- 2. Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you his grace refuse; your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.**
- 3. Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest; O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.**
- 4. See him set forth before your eyes; behold the bleeding sacrifice; his offered love make haste to embrace, and freely now be saved by grace.**
- 5. Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you; come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.**

#### **Prayer after Communion (in unison)**

**Triune God, you have fed us with the body and blood of Christ, uniting us with you, and setting us on your way in peace. In the power of the Holy Spirit, send us forth to take up our cross and follow where Jesus leads. Amen.**

#### **Closing Hymn "At the Name of Jesus"**

- 1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**
- 2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**
- 3. Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

*The Light of Christ goes into the world.*

### **Charge**

Let the same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Look not to rewards and celebrity for your good deeds. Do unto others what will nurture God's will for them. Listen to the word of the Lord, and believe.

### **Benediction**

Beloved, as we move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the insight to know the way of Jesus, the courage to hold firm to the way of Jesus when the crowds try to lead you astray, and the strength to follow the way of Jesus, the way of God's steadfast love that never fails. **Amen.**

## **Grace Notes**

**March 29, 2026**

**Mission Statement: *Glorify God ~ Draw All to Christ ~ Edify & Equip***

**From the Pastor:** Today is a day for joy in the promise of salvation. As we journey with Jesus to the cross – the journey then and the journey now—we find our joy in the promise of salvation, a promise that will not fail. Yet, this is also a journey that calls us to face the truth – the truth about religious-and-sanctioned violence, our complicity in harming others. What room is there for joy when faced with the truth of Holy Week?

Scripture offers us a possible answer – sing! The psalm for Palm/Passion is Psalm 118, a psalm about God saving God's people from destruction, a song rooted in the promise of God's steadfast love. So, when stuck between the truth of sin and the promise of salvation, we join our voices in proclaiming God's steadfast love.

*Pastor Dionne*

**Membership Reports:** As faithful members of Grace UMC, we faithfully strive to remember our membership vows to support the church by upholding the church with our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

**Prayers** - Persons listed on Joys & Concerns will appear for two weeks. Please fill out a request card if you would like your request shared on Sunday morning and listed in Grace Notes. You may call or email the church office Monday thru Wednesday (**by 10am**) with those you would like to include or remove. If a person requires additional time, or has a long-term illness, request they be added to the "Long-term" list. The joys and concerns will list first name and last initial; no details will appear.

### **Joys & Concerns**

**Mar. 29:** Peggy R., Ruth T.

**Mar. 22:** All spoken and unspoken

**Prayers (Long-term):** John S., Robin G., Lucy K.; Bill S., Erin B., Doris K.; Bill H., Wendi C., Margie C., Bev. B., Connie M.; Vickie S., Rhonda and Tony W., Harriett H.; Mike and Angel P.; Shelby B.

### **The Daily Scripture Lessons March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday** - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

**Monday** - [Isaiah 42:1-9](#); [Psalm 36:5-11](#); [Hebrews 9:11-15](#); [John 12:1-11](#)

**Tuesday** - [Isaiah 49:1-7](#); [Psalm 71:1-14](#); [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#); [John 12:20-36](#)

**Wednesday** - [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#); [Psalm 70](#); [Hebrews 12:1-3](#); [John 13:21-32](#)

**Thursday** - [Exodus 12:1-4, \(5-10\), 11-14](#); [Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#); [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#); [John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

**Friday** - [Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#); [Psalm 22](#); [Hebrews 10:16-25](#); [John 18:1-19:42](#)

**Saturday** - [Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24](#); [Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16](#); [1 Peter 4:1-8](#); [Matthew 27:57-66](#)

**Presence** – Join us for worship in person or via Facebook Live.

Worship: 58    Sunday School: 28    Facebook Live:    Ladies T4U:

**GIFTS** – Your gifts offer HOPE to Grace Church and the community. When we tithe, we follow the example given to us in Genesis 28:10-22 by giving at least 10% to the **General Fund**. United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy. The **General Fund** is responsible for ensuring all the needs of the church are met; this includes all of the ministries, missions, and operational costs of Grace Church. *The One Board (as of May 14, 2023) asks that all tithes and offerings be placed*

in the General Fund except those for T.H.R.I.V.E., Micah's Backpack & Building for the Future. Separate envelopes are provided for these ministries and located by the lectern. This is the only way to donate to these ministries. This will allow Grace Church to move towards fully funding all ministries and missions of the church. This will bring us up to date with current UMC budget practices.

**General Fund: \$2,337.75**  
**Endowment Withdrawal: \$**  
**Estate Gift:**  
**Music Fund: \$458.00**  
**Needed for Weekly Budget: \$4,500**  
**Building for the Future: \$100.00**  
**T.H.R.I.V.E. & Micah's Backpack: \$125.00**

**Service and Witness:**

**Ushers:** J.C. Martin, Bill Thompson, Donna and Roy Shoop, Madison Shoop, Lucas Shoop, Ella Sholty, Justus Osuji  
**Greeter:** Daisy Wolfensberger  
**Lay Readers:** John Hess, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Kurt Zimmerman  
**Media Managers:** Donnie Bryan, Roy Shoop  
**Choir:** Becca Bryan, Donnie Bryan, Patti Hull, Hannah Kamseuh, Polly Martin, Peace Osuji, Ryan Wetzel  
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**T.H.R.I.V.E.** (Thankful, Hopeful, Revitalized, Intentional, Victorious, Educated). Continued needs are non-perishables, dry goods, feminine care products, hand soap, shower gel, razors, shave cream, individually wrapped paper towels and toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, laundry detergent, etc. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and please use the indicated envelopes located by the lectern. **Closet 712** Volunteers are always appreciated. Donations drop off is Monday -Thursday 10am-12pm., **spring and summer clothing ONLY.** Both T.H.R.I.V.E and the clothes closet are open on Saturday, **April 11, 2026**, 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

**Pastoral Care and Emergency Contact Information:** In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Dionne at (240) 347-2345 (cell), Facebook Messenger, or [pastordionne.hall@gmail.com](mailto:pastordionne.hall@gmail.com). The church office number is (240) 850-2934. Please inform the hospital and/or funeral home that Pastor Dionne is the Pastor at Grace. **The Pastor and church should be notified of any illness or death of a member or family member first.** The Pastor will confirm availability dates for Services of Death and Resurrection with the funeral home director.

**CALENDAR**

<b>Sun., Mar. 29</b>	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>Palm Sunday, Communion, Holy Week</i>
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
<b>Tues., Mar. 31</b>	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wed., Apr. 1</b>	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
<b>Thurs., Apr. 2</b>	5:30 pm	<i>Maundy Thursday Service with Communion</i>
<b>Fri., Apr. 3</b>	7:00 pm	<i>Good Friday Service via Facebook Live</i>
<b>Sat., Apr. 4</b>	11:00 – 1:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Sun., Apr. 5</b>	6:30 am	<b><i>Easter Sunrise Service at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park (please bring your own chair)</i></b>
	8:30 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	<b><i>Easter Worship &amp; Communion, Christ the Lord is Risen Today!</i></b>
	10:15 am	<b>NO</b> Sunday school today
<b>Mon., Apr. 6</b>		Church and Office are closed
<b>Tues., Apr. 7</b>	10:00 am	One Board meeting in Rider Hall (all are welcome)
<b>Wed., Apr. 8</b>		<b>NO Pop-Up Pantry today</b>
<b>Thurs., Apr. 9</b>	10:30 am	Senior Citizen meeting in Rider Hall – Program by Carly Hose, Washington County Sheriff's Department
<b>Mon., Apr. 13</b>	12:00 pm	T4U Luncheon and meeting in Rider Hall

**Easter Sunday Flowers** –If you purchase your own flower/lily, please contact the church office **NO LATER than Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** calling 240-850-2934 or email [graceumchagerstown@gmail.com](mailto:graceumchagerstown@gmail.com) for the information to be included in the bulletin insert. **If you drop off your flowers earlier than Saturday, please do not place them in the sanctuary.**

**Easter Egg Hunt** – will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 1:00 pm. Enjoy a panCake breakfast, games, Easter pictures, the Easter Story, and an exciting Easter egg hunt!!

Donations of individually wrapped candy that fit in the plastic eggs would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to Chris Jeter's Primary Sunday school room. Blank envelopes are available in the narthex for your monetary donation and placed in the offering plate. NO plastic eggs are needed. Any questions, please see Charissa Hose. Thank You!

**Good Friday Unity Walk** – Friday, April 3, 2026 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Join us for HARC’s annual ecumenical Good Friday Unity Walk in memory of Christ’s passion and death. Walk begins in the gazebo adjacent to the Museum parking lot and ends at the “grotto.” Event includes seven stops with readings, prayers, music and reflection.

**30 Pieces of Silver** – for your convenience, extra labeled bags are available in the Narthex, Rider Hall or can be picked up at the church office. Your “*Thirty Pieces of Silver*” will be used towards our Missions & Ministries for the community. ***If able, please consider using cash or a check in place of coins.*** The offering can be placed in the offering plate on Palm Sunday.

**The Chosen – Join us on Saturday April 18 (Episodes 7 & 8) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
for Chicken, Waffles, and The Chosen.**