

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome
*Passing of the Peace
Prelude

Call to Worship
When they had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead, saying: “*Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord has need of it.’*”
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
After bringing the colt to Jesus and throwing their cloaks on its back, the disciples set Jesus upon it. As he road along, people spread their cloaks upon the road.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.
Open the gates of righteousness, O God, that we may enter through them.
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Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Enter the gates of righteousness with shouts of thanksgiving.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven,
and glory to God in the highest heaven!
Hearing the crowd’s shouts of praise, some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, “Teacher, order your disciples to STOP.” But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, The stones would shout out.”
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn of Praise
All Glory, Laud, and Honor UMH 280

*Prayer of Confession
God of righteousness,
draw near to us in the coming week.
We yearn to keep singing our hosannas,
but fear that we too may lose our convictions
in the face of an angry mob.
We long to see ourselves as your champions,
but fear that we too might deny you
or betray you with a kiss.
Strengthen our resolve during Holy Week,
that we may remain your faithful disciples.
Amen.

*Words of Assurance
Christ has open the gates of righteousness
and beckons us to walk through.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone of our salvation.

Children’s Sermon Rebecca Roark

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *Hosanna, Hosanna* Martin/Williams
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Players & Protagonist*
in the Kingdom of God

Response to God’s Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Autry

The Lord’s Prayer
Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*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.*

*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication
What Wondrous Love Is This UMH 292

*Benediction
On the back of a donkey,
Jesus came to bless us.
With the light of his love,
Jesus came to illuminate our way.
From the power of aimlessness and sin,
Jesus came to set us free.
With the power of the Holy Spirit,
Go with the blessings of God’s anointed.

*Congregational Choral Response
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude
Liturgist: Wade Green

Today we welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. DeeDee Autry as our guest preacher. Rev. Autry has served as full-time clergy in the Arkansas Conference since 1992 and was ordained an elder in 1995. She has been a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry for 12 years and has served as dean of the Local Pastor Licensing School. Her education includes a BA in Religion, Philosophy, and Christian Education from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR, and a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Autry also earned a Certified Credential from the International Coaching Federation as a Professional Certified Coach. Rev. Autry is married to John Autry, and they have two daughters, Emily Grace and Mary Elizabeth.

Prayers for...
the people of Ukraine, Syria, Israel, and Gaza.
our men and women serving in harm's way.
the neighbors served by our community ministries.
victims and victim communities of mass shootings.
reconciliation in the United States
those harmed in the recent storms

our church family... Ed & Bonnie House,
Rhonda Shirey, Dot Everett, Wanda Shambley,
Mattie Upton, Don Davis, Dick Taylor (SO),
Mona Jeffus (SO), Sara Yarbrough

extended family...James Louviere, Daniel Godwin,
Sue Paysen, Lloyd Ryan, Billy Atkins, Roberta Ross-Fisher,
Erica Mederos, Debbie Moseley, George Robinson,
Sharon Clay, Weegie Watts, Ed Horton, Collins Nugent,
Ellen Myers

homebound or assisted living ...Elizabeth Taylor,
Danny Barnes, Joyce Mann, Sarah Shirey, Joyce Richardson,
Ruth Dempsey, Billy Joe Black, Lou Slaughter, Pat Beasley,
Dot Bearden, Ann Ellen

military...Buck Lucas

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*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Donna & Earl  
Crumpler and family in the death of Donna's mother,  
Peggy Ernst.*

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Alicia Mosley  
and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Yvonne Horton.  
Alicia's brother, Ed remains in the hospital in Hot Springs.*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the April 7th birth  
of Rose Elizabeth Guthmuller, daughter of Sarah & Casey  
Guthmuller. Bernie & Dick Dickson are the proud great-  
grandparents.*

Berg Egg Hunt is this afternoon at 2:00pm.  
It starts at 1725 Brookridge.

## This Week at Church

### Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
2:00pm Berg Egg Hunt

### Monday, April 14, 2025

9:00am Food Pantry  
2:00pm Great Hall Open  
4:45pm Sue's Table  
6:00pm Bible Study

### Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry

### Wednesday, April 16, 2025

8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00 noon Bible Study  
6:00pm Healing Service  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Choir

### Thursday, April 17, 2025

8:30am Preschool  
6:00pm Maundy Thursday

### Friday, April 18, 2025

Good Friday—All Ministries Closed

### Saturday, April 19, 2025

Silent Saturday

**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on  
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service  
is available on our YouTube channel -  
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***Palm Sunday***

**April 13, 2025**

***Open Hearts, Open Minds  
Open Doors***