Palm & Passion Sunday

Gospel according to Mark

April 10, 2022



Passion Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concentrates on both the glory and the passion of Christ. On Passion Sunday, we reenact Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by processing into the sanctuary with palms and glad "Hosanna's." This act symbolically foreshadows God's promise that Jesus will lead us into the new Jerusalem (heaven). We also hear the entire Passion story, Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. This tradition began (in the Church) because many people do not attend Good Friday worship, and to miss the crucifixion story is to miss the entire point of the significance of Easter.

You will notice two liturgical colors today: Purple is the color of humility and melancholy, as well as the color of penance. Red is the color of Christ's Passion, blood and cross.



Welcome

How Beautiful by Twila Paris arr. Brocker *Kim Domke, & Anita Shaw, Bell Trees and Chris Bush, piano*

Processional Gospel *Mark 11:1-11* P The holy gospel according to Mark.

- **G**lory to you, O Lord.
- P ¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
- ▲ ⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

C "Hosanna"!

- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
- **C** Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- ▲ ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

G Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

▲ ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Call to Procession

Waving palms, congregation processes into sanctuary.

Song of the Crowd

Lead On, O King Eternal

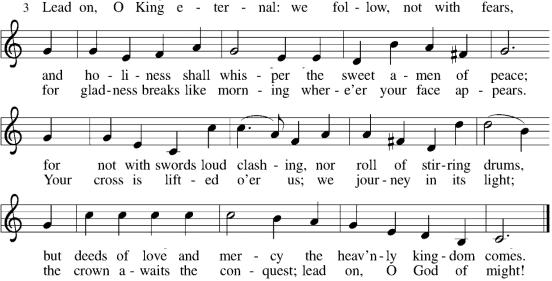
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Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin through P the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- And also with you. С

The assembly prays the Prayer of the Day.

- As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and P meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.
- Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to A take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.
- С In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus & Preparations for his death

Passion Reading: Mark 14:1-11

▲ ¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said,

• "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

- While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger,
- Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."
- And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."
- P ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.



Saul

by Handel Chris Bush, piano

Arise in body or spirit.

- **P** The Lord is with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to God.
- **G** Thank you God, for everything.

■ In the spirit of Joseph of Arimathea who gave his burial tomb to Jesus, we return what we have to God through this offering.



Offering Song

Come to the Table of Mercy

Offering Prayer

- A Let us pray ... Gracious God,
- we offer you all that we are. Use us for the work on earth begun by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Passion Reading: Mark 14:12-25 Institution of the Lord's Supper

- ¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.
- ¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,
- **G** "Surely not I, Lord?"
- ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

A Lord Jesus teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

☑ Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Passion Reading: Mark 14:26-31

- ²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,
 - 'I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him,

C "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

- P ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently,
- **G** "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."
- All of them said the same.

Mount of Olives Into the Garden of Gethsemane



Passion Reading: Mark 14:32

▲ ³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."



Kneel or sit as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

- A Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. We lift our prayers to you.

C Lord, have mercy.

A We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need. We lift our prayers to you.

C Lord, have mercy.

- God, most holy and humble, plant in your church Christ's spirit of humility. Remove any barriers preventing us from seeing his saving work on the cross. We ask you to reveal your will for all creation through stones, seas, mountains, and meadows. In the splendor of what you have made, show us your care for everything, both great and small. We lift our prayers to you.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A We trust in you, so we lift our individual prayers to your tender care at this time.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Finally, let us give thanks for the saints, whose faithful witness, even unto death, has given to us the gift of the gospel. Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We lift all these prayers to you.

C Lord, have mercy.

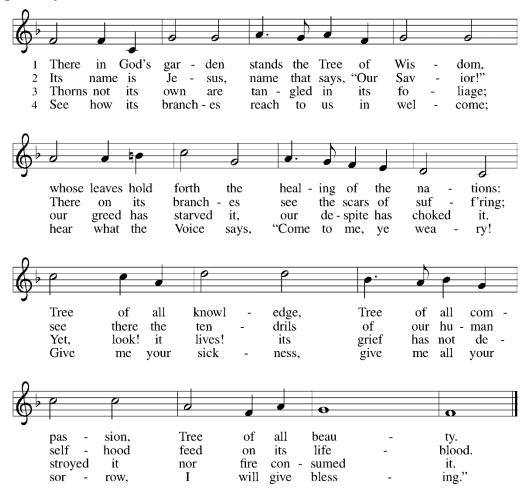
Blessed Creator, we lift our prayers to you; the spoken, silent, and sung prayers you graciously hear. Be with us as we journey through challenging times and help us realize your saving love for all. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

G Amen

Song of Prayer

There in God's Garden

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Passion Reading: Mark 14:33-42

■ ³³Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."



The Hour is at Hand

Passion Reading: Mark 14:43-52

- ⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
- **G** "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."
- L⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.
- A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Jesus before The High Priest



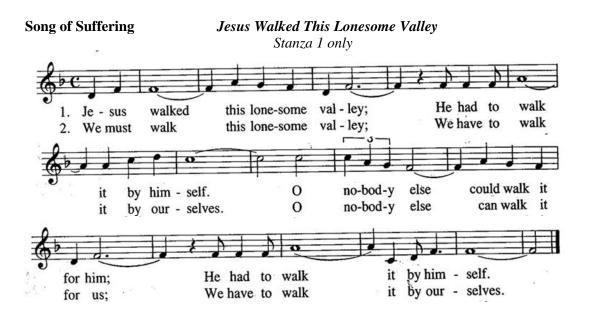
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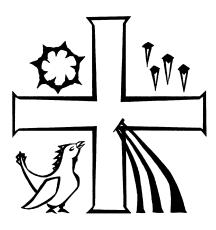
- ⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard him say,
- I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."

- ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶²Jesus said,
- "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"
- ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

C "Prophesy!"

L The guards also took him over and beat him.





Passion Reading: Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying,

G "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

- L And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,
- **G** "I do not know this man you are talking about."
- ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Song of Suffering

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Stanza 2

Jesus before Pilate

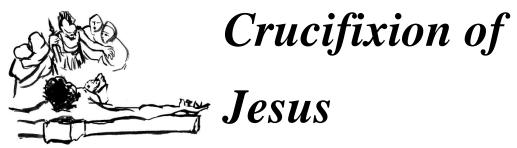


Passion Reading: Mark 15:1-15

- L ¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him,
- **G** "Are you the king of the Jews?"
- L He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again,

• "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

- \square ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.
- ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They should back,
- **G** "Crucify, crucify him!"
- A ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,
- **C** "Crucify him!"
- In ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.



Passion Reading: Mark 15:16-32

- ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him,
- **G** "Hail, King of the Jews!"
- ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
- ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
- ²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,
- C "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!"
- ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,
- G "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."
- A Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Death of Jesus

Passion Reading: Mark 15:33-39

- L ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
- "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Silence is kept for reflection.

Voice Solo

His Mercy Is More

arr, Paul Campbell Kate Watson & Cindy Olson, piano

Arise in body or spirit, facing the baptismal font.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- **G** Amen.
- ▶ Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face that we may live.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- ₽ Holy God,
- we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.
- ▶ Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of + Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.
- C Amen.
- Sit



Passion Reading: Mark 15:40-45

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.



Burial of Jesus

Passion Reading: Mark 15:46-47

⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Song of Passion

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Arise in body or spirit. Liturgy of the PASSION

- P Christ has come in triumph to God's people.
- Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!
- A To Bethany with friends, to the temple which needs Cleaning...Christ comes!
- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!
- ▶ To the courtyard of the teachers, to the testing of enemies, to the oil of a weeping woman...Christ comes.
- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!
- A The days continue, the night arrives. Triumph turns its face away.
- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!

P To the clink of silver, to the new feast of body and blood, to the love of serving...Christ comes.

- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!
- A To the agony of prayer and trial, to the hollowness of betrayal, to the indignity of accusation...Christ comes.
- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!

P To the screaming silent pain of thorns and whip, to the weight and nails of a cross...Christ comes.

- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!
- **A** To death and to risen life...Jesus has come!
- **G** Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!

Blessing

- The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, + be among you and remain with you forever.
- **G** Amen

Depart in Silence

Postlude

Funeral March

by Mozart Chris Bush, piano Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who died on the cross for us all.

Bowling Event. Youth and Family Committee invites everyone to the church for Pizza at 12 noon on April 30th. After pizza and discussion, we will be going to the bowling alley. Please sign up by April 24th. Youth 18 and younger bowl free.

New member class continues today at 9:30 am. This class replaces the Adult Forum during Lent. On Easter Sunday we will read the four resurrection stories of the Bible.

Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Worship service at 7 pm April 14, 2022

Cross Walk Good Friday 9 am April 15, 2022 Good Friday - Tenebrae (DARKNESS) Worship service at 7 pm April 15, 2022

Processional Cross. If you are interested in bearing the cross, please contact any Worship Committee member.

Rummage Sale. We are looking for workers to help set up, run, and share some time for a rummage sale, which will help raise funds for the victims of war in Ukraine.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 59Views: 102Weekly Giving: \$4,110.00Budget Amount: \$4,163.28Pasty Sale Proceeds to Alpha Women's Center: \$1,758.32

Spring Flower Sale \$6.00 *each*. Like everything else, pricing keeps going up. Orders due May 11, 2022, with pick-up on Saturday, May 14th.

Grace Singers are practicing today after the 10:45 worship service, for Good Friday and Easter.

T-shirt Material Collection. Donated t-shirts can be placed in the box in the coat room.

Gospel Worship Service

A Gospel Worship Service on May 1, 2022. We will gather for worship only at 10 am, as we invite the community to join us for a special worship service and Quilt Show. We hope you can join us for this time of celebration and enjoy the beauty of the artists. We will also have a meal after the worship service, please signup. We hope you invite your friends to join us at this unique event.

Welcome baskets for New Members. We are looking for help in providing items for 8 welcome baskets. If you are interested in contributing any items, please contact Laura Scheck. We are blessed to have so many joining our faith community.



Let us worship Jesus!