



## If You Are Worshipping...

**Online** – All the worship songs and words will be on your screen so that you can fully participate.

**In The Sanctuary** – If you are comfortably able, we invite you to stand during portions of worship marked with an asterisk (\*). The congregation reads items listed in bold text. **Please note:** Our service is always live-streamed with multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You will likely be on camera at some point during your worship experience.

**With Children** – We are delighted with the presence of (and the sounds of) children in worship. Children are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the back pews). The back pews are for adults accompanying children using the PrayGround, and the rocking chairs are reserved especially for nursing mothers or adults whose children need a cuddle and some rocking. **Also, childcare is available in our nursery down the hall for children up to age 5.**

**Prayer Requests** – Each week, we encourage folks to share their joys and concerns with one another using the Prayer Cards in the pews. Please complete a Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate during worship. This will ensure your prayers are lifted up to God in worship and/or in private.

**Special accommodations** –

**Assisted listening devices** and **Large Print Bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Anyone with mobility issues** is welcome to use the padded green chairs located strategically throughout the sanctuary. There are spaces within the pews for wheelchairs. Ushers are happy to assist you with these or other accommodations.

**Wheelchairs are available** to use for church or to get down to Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or greeter. They can assist you.

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## GATHERING MUSIC

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

“Where are you headed?” Which leader will you follow? How have your beliefs changed your behaviors? Has your path changed?

**PRELUDE** UD Concert Choir *Ave Verum Corpus* by W.A. Mozart

**SONG OF PREPARATION** *Seeking Heart* by Kristen Eby

**Bring your questions, come as you are.**

**The journey is waiting, and peace is not far.**

**God always welcomes the seeking heart. (2x)**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### CHORAL INTROIT

UD Chamber Singers *Salmo 150* by Ernani Aguiar

## \*OPENING WORDS

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!  
Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!  
Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!  
Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## \*PALM PROCESSIONAL #196 (v.1-3) *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*During this song you are invited to follow the worship leaders as they move around the Sanctuary waving their palms, or wave them from your seat to join the celebration!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,  
**and still you love us — you have loved us to the end.**

We have denied you,

**and we have denied our calling to serve one another.**

We have betrayed you,

**and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.**

Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

**Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SUNG RESPONSE #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

### \*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

## TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

UD Chamber Singers

*Sicut Cervus*



*by Palestrina*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Seeking: "Where are you headed?"

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH+**

**We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,  
who lights a candle in the darkest night,  
who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.  
We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,  
who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.  
We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,  
cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.  
We believe in a God who is always carrying us  
from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.  
That is where God is headed.  
That is where we follow.  
May it be so. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**

*If you've been collecting change, now is the time to bring your fish bank forward and place it in the fish net!  
You may use OGHS offering envelopes in the pew for cash/check gifts and place those directly in the offering plate.*

**OFFERTORY**

*Hosanna Filio David*

arr. Lani Smith

UD Chamber Singers

*All Flesh is Grass*

by Chris Massa

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PETITION**

**THE LORDS 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN #742**

*We Will Walk With God*

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

by Peter Lutkin

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE UD Concert Choir**

*Unclouded Day*

by Shawn Kirchner

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

\*\*Please take a moment to extend the peace of Christ to one another by greeting those around you. Say "hello," wave, learn each other's names - whatever feels most comfortable to you.

+ by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE CHOIRS** who are providing music for our Palm Sunday service! They bring a variety of sacred pieces and styles to aid in morning worship. Bread of Life is actively seeking ways to make connections to UD, our local Presbyterian University, and will be donating to the choir's May tour to Alaska.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: *Come Early for Prayer & Reflection*** – From 6:00–6:45 p.m. this Thursday evening, April 2nd, **all ages** are invited to move through a series of **hands-on prayer stations**. Hosted by our Christian Formation Team, these experiences will guide us step by step toward the sanctuary, growing quieter and more contemplative as we go:

- Twist dough into prayer pretzels (kitchen)
- Create prayer beads or write a simple prayer or devotion
- Walk a candlelit prayer labyrinth
- Light a candle in the shape of the cross and offer a quiet prayer
- Enter the sanctuary for a time of prayerful vigil.

Together, we begin in motion—hands busy, voices gentle—and slowly settle into stillness, preparing our hearts for worship.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP** – begins at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary** of the **Hilltop Campus**. All are welcome as we remember Jesus' last evening with his disciples. As we share in the **Lord's Supper** and move toward the **silence of Good Friday**, we will seek a posture of trust—honestly facing loss while trusting that God is present, even in the shadow of the cross.

**THE 115th ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** will be held at **St. Luke's United Methodist Church** (1199 Main St) from **12:00-3:00pm on Friday, April 3rd, 2026**. Join for all or any of this poignant and reflective service as it moves through the seven last words of Christ, reminding us of the sacrifice of Love we have in Jesus Christ.

**EASTER BREAKFAST: Pancakes, sausage, eggs**, and a cup of hot coffee or refreshing juice will be ready to enjoy in the Fellowship Hall starting at **8 AM to 9:15 AM on Easter Sunday, April 5**; thanks to the BoL Men's Group. Come, eat, and worship afterwards as we experience joy and hope that comes with Easter.

**BOOKMARK FOR REFLECTION:** Feel free to take the included bookmark home for yourself or even give it as a gift to someone who may need the reminder God is with them in their seeking.

**ARTWORK NOTES:** Today's bulletin cover art is *"Power Play"* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity & based on Matthew 21:1–11. This silk painting contrasts two processions entering Jerusalem—Pilate's display of imperial force and Jesus' humble ride on a donkey. Armor and spectacle represent domination; soft linens and kneeling service foreshadow foot washing and sacrificial love. The opposing parades reveal competing visions of power: coercion or compassion. The piece invites viewers to reflect on which procession they follow and how power is embodied in their own lives.

**EASTER FLOWERS TO SUPPORT DEACON'S EMERGENCY FUND:** Help fill the Sanctuary with beautiful flowers! Order tulips or lilies (\$20 each) in memory or in honor of a loved one — or simply to add to the joy of the day. With every order, \$5 supports the Bread of Life Deacon's Emergency Fund, assisting neighbors facing urgent financial hardship. Order forms are available on the Information Table. **Please return your completed form with payment in the offering plate or to the Church Office TODAY.** After worship on Easter Sunday, you are welcome to take your flowers home or share them with someone special.

**WONDER WALL INVITATION:** During the *Seeking* sermon series, you are invited to share a wondering inspired by worship. After the service, write a question or reflection on a **"We Wonder About..."** card and pin it to the Wonder Wall in the sanctuary. There are no wrong wonderings—only an invitation to seek God and grow in faith together. Cards are located on the far right and left ends of the pews and at the Information Table in the back of the sanctuary.

**GREEN TEAM TIP – ENVIRONMENTAL-FRIENDLY SHOPPING:** When shopping, look for products that are less damaging to the environment. There are lots of such products on the market. For example, household cleaning products made from natural ingredients and less caustic to the environment. Look for recycled products. Avoid products that are overpackaged, especially in plastic. Buying goods in bulk usually has less packaging. Be an eco-consumer!

**CARE CART:** This week the Care Cart will be collecting any items of food, hygiene items and cleaning supplies for all 3 of our charities: Dubuque Food Pantry, Dubuque Rescue Mission and Opening Doors.

**BUY SCRIP – GIVE MORE WITHOUT SPENDING MORE:** No Scrip sales after worship on **Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.** If you need gift cards please stop in the office during the week.

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For those folks navigating ongoing health concerns: **Joyce Bausman, Jolene Kilcoyne, Angie Lockhart, Gene Myers, Lois and Doug Pearce, HannaRose Otting, Betty** and **Leon Thompson, Les Sonsken, and Arlys Williams.**
- For the family of **John Barland** who passed away Saturday, March 8th. A private family service is being planned in John's hometown of Eau Claire, WI. John was the father of **Chuck Barland** (Professor of Music / University of Dubuque Organist).
- For **Tom Boelk** who is receiving medical care for pancreatitis.
- For **Tom Stovall** who will be receiving radiation infusion treatments in Iowa City over the next many months.
- For **Jean Sutherland**, sister of **Judy Schuster** and **Jim Donatsch**, who is now in hospice care in Cottonwood, AZ.
- For **Mike H.** who had a heart incident this week.
- For the people of Israel and Iran, especially the families of the children that have died.
- Prayers for all of the people who received food at yesterday's Hunger Outreach. May the food nourish their bodies and may the knowledge that we care for them nourish their souls.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List.**

**HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE?** Folks on the **Bread of Life Prayer Chain** would be honored to pray for you. Simply email Pastor Stephanie at [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com), and she will distribute your request. You may also join the Bread of Life Prayer Chain this way! **For Pastoral Care** please call **(563) 279-4545** or the church office.

\*All activities will take place at Bread of Life's Hilltop Campus, unless otherwise noted. \*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 29

9:00am – Christian Formation, ClassRms

10:00am – Sunday Worship

11:00am -Coffee & Fellowship, NTX

11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR

11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

### Monday, March 30

Newsletter Deadline

9:00am – BOL Table

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, CR

6:00pm – Pack 20, HS

### Tuesday, March 31

9:00am - Tai Chi, FH

5:00pm – Ping Pong Tuesdays, HS

### Wednesday, April 1

9:15am – Staff Mtg, WR

4:00pm – Rooted Good Team, BR

5:30pm – Friends of Dbq. Parks BR

5:30pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal, S

7:00pm – Keyway Lodge AA Group, HS

### Thursday, April 2

11:00am – Adult Bible Study, CR

5:30pm – YL Class, FH

7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Worship, S

### Friday, April 3

12:00pm – Seven Last Words of Christ, St. Luke's

### Saturday, April 4

8:00am – Men's Breakfast, Papa Ozz

### Sunday, April 5 Easter

8:00am – Easter Breakfast, FH

9:15am – Handbell Rehearsal, S

10:00am – Sunday Worship with Communion

11:00am -Coffee & Fellowship, NTX

11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR

11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

## CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Liturgists:** Hannah Eby

**Musicians:** Kristen Eby, John Eby

**Special Music:** University of Dubuque Choirs

**Greeters:** Greda Hartman & Judy Schuster

**Ushers:** Ed & Erica Raber

**Hospitality Set Up:** Merrill Crawford

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Merrill Crawford

### CHURCH STAFF

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Kaity Kemp

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