

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Khalanie Johnson & Jeff Walkington (MON), Mary Hine (THURS), Karen Bidner & Paul Duncum (FRI), Sarah Sutter & Doug West (SAT)

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**TODAY during worship – We will invite contributions for our FMC Adoption Fund.** Over the years, this fund has assisted some of our families with the cost of adoption. The fund is currently depleted. Please consider this special opportunity in the context of your overall giving to the church.

**TODAY – sign-up downstairs to help with food for Maundy Thursday and Easter.**

**This Wednesday, March 23 at midnight – Deadline for completing the online survey as part of our formal evaluation of Pastor Michael and our congregational life.** If you have difficulty with the online survey, please get a paper copy from the FMC office. Return paper surveys to the collection box in the FMC office. We look forward to receiving your feedback and appreciate your participation.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES THIS WEEK

*Our Maundy Thursday and Easter Brunch meals are shared. Please sign-up downstairs TODAY to bring food.*



**Thursday, March 24 at 6:15 PM – Maundy Thursday meal & service.**  
*All ages welcome! Child care is available.*

**Friday, March 25 at 12:15 PM – Good Friday service.**

**Sunday, March 26: Easter brunch, 9 a.m.**  
**Hallelujah Chorus rehearsal, 10 a.m.**  
**Worship & Communion, 10:15 a.m. (No Sunday School)**

### Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite: Easter Sunday

**Worship leader** – Pastor Michael

**Song leader** – Cindy Breeze

**Piano** – Andrea Welty Peachey

**Children's story** – Pastor Debra

**Scripture** – *Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

**Scripture readers** – Abby Crosby, Chuck Gibson, Beth Rempe

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Janet

**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn

**Visuals & bulletin art** – Jeri Lake & Donna Nelson Evans

**Greeters** – Clark Breeze, Tina Huang, Karla Woodson

**Worship nursery** – Megan Cox & Sheryl Dyck

**Stewards** – Chuck Gibson & George Ordal

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## Celebration of Worship

March 20, 2016

Lent 6: Palm Sunday

### GATHERING

#### Prelude

**Lighting of solidarity lamp** - *The lamp symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

**\*Call to worship** (based on Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

**All: The Lord our God has given us light!**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**\*Hymnal #405**

"Where cross the crowded ways" (vss. 1,2,4,5)

**Welcome & prayer**

**Confessing and reconciling** (*unison*)

**Lord we confess that our motives, desires, and passions have not been pure— we have not been living into the truth of your good news story. We confess that we have often acted in destructive ways as we live out of our brokenness rather than out of your healing, redeeming love. Help us to find our refuge in you. Forgive us, heal us, and reconcile us, oh God, so that we may be the living ink of your covenant love in all our relationships: with you, with each other, and with all of creation we pray. Amen.**

*Pause for silent confession.*

**God's goodness is accomplished abundantly for those who take refuge in him.**

**\*Passing the peace**

## PROCLAIMING

**\*Purple songbook #74**

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

**Scripture reading**

Luke 19:28-40 (page 959)

**Membership reception for David and Rachel Horst Lehman**

**Dedication of Levi Daniel Lehman**

*Congregational response:*

Rachel and David, you have offered Levi to the strong and tender providence of God.

We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your son.

We promise, with humility and seriousness, to share in his nurture and well-being.

We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen.

Our prayers will be with you and for you.

May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.

**\*Hymnal #76**

“Praise, I will praise you, Lord”

(vs. 1 French, vss. 2 & 3 English)

**Children's story and offering** (please pass the welcome pads)

**Scripture reading**

Psalms 31:9-16 (page 495)

**Sermon**

*Stay Focused*

## RESPONDING

**\*Song** (insert)

“Jesus, you were praised and blessed”

**Offering** (prayer cards collected)

**Offertory**

**Sharing and prayers of the people** (congregational response: Lord, hear our prayer)

## SENDING

**Introductions and work of the church** (please come to the front if you have an announcement)

**\*Hymnal #239**

“Ride on, ride on in majesty” (vss. 1 & 4)

**\*Benediction**

*\*Stand if you are able*

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

**Worship leader** – Bob King

**Song leader** – Matt Yoder

**Piano** – Liz Mallott

**Children's story** – Rebecca Moyer

**Scripture readers** – Dannie Otto & Barb Shenk

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Debra

**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn

**Visuals & bulletin art** – Jeri Lake & Donna Nelson Evans

**Greeters** – Clark Breeze, Tina Huang, Karla Woodson

**Worship nursery** – Marcia Nelson & Jill Schreiber

**Refreshments** – Kate Falk & Jan Sabey

**Stewards** – Tom Anderson & George Ordal

## Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you into our midst! We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning and that our church family helps you feel at home. Join us down-stairs for refreshments after the service so that we can get to know you better.

**Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters.** T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

**Childcare for children birth through preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.**

**Our new children's offering will help MCC provide aid to Syrians and Iraqis in response to the humanitarian crisis in these conflict-torn countries.**

## Join us after the service for...

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45**

You are welcome to stay for refreshments and conversation downstairs after the service. A snack is available for children.

**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES – 11:15 AM**

*All are welcome to attend any Sunday.*

**Quarterly Adult Classes** (March-May)

**Making a Scene in Corinth** (a simulation) – sanctuary

**Beyond Tolerance: Interfaith Hospitality, Dialogue, and Affection** – library

**Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups** (year-round)

**Coffee and Conversation** – Room 5 (downstairs)

**Knit and Nurture** – Nursery (downstairs)

**Young Adults** – Room 13 (downstairs)

**Children & Youth Classes** (downstairs)

**Pre-K** (ages 2-6 yrs) – Room 6    **Junior High** – Room 3

**Grade K-5** – Room 10/11    **High School** – Room 7

*(Nursery care is available for children birth through preschool)*

## THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org)

**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Fellowship Time  
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages  
12:30 PM Easter choir rehearsal

**TUE** *Rhonda is out of the office*

**THU** 6:45 AM Men's Bible study  
6:15 PM Maundy Thursday meal & service

**FRI** 12:15 PM Good Friday service

**SAT** 9:00 AM Easter choir rehearsal

## UPCOMING

**SUN** 9:00 AM Easter brunch  
**27** 10:00 AM Pick-up Hallelujah Chorus rehearsal  
10:15 AM Easter worship & communion  
(No Sunday school)

**MON** 12:00 PM Young adult lunch @ Beckman (*byo/buy*)  
**28**

**WED** 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team  
**25**

**THU** 6:45 AM Men's Bible study  
**31** 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study

**Mark your calendars for 2 – 5 pm on April 9 or 16!** Celebrate spring with Pastor Janet and her husband, Mark, in their "new" (1923) Urbana home. They are hosting two open houses in April and hope as many FMCers as possible are able to attend one of the open houses.