

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*We begin our observance of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. All of Holy Week points toward the passion — the death and resurrection of Christ. The week's final three days (from sunset Thursday to sunset on Easter) complete the commemoration of Christ's passion. These three days are called the Triduum.*

*The Triduum engages us from Thursday until Sunday in a unified act. What happens on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil forms a continuous dramatic story. These days are to be seen together rather than separately. The services for the three final days of Holy Week connect with one another and, together, comprise the oneness of the Triduum. Because of this interrelationship of the three days, each service of the Triduum needs the others to tell the whole story. For example, resurrection is incomprehensible without Christ's self-giving in crucifixion and at the Lord's Supper. Therefore, Easter needs Good Friday and Maundy Thursday to be fully understood. The way to the triumph of Easter is through the Triduum.*

*All of Holy Week, and particularly its three concluding days (the Triduum), provides an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy; to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter. Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by faithful participation in worship and prayer during the preceding week.*

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/three-days-or-triduum/>

### **Prayer Wall**

We have created a prayer wall for our twenty-four hours of prayer on Wednesday, April 5 through Thursday, April 6. Stop by and add your thanksgivings and prayer concerns. You will find the prayer wall next to the pastor's office. Help us fill the twenty- four hours with prayer by signing up **HERE**. Resources will be provided to support your praying. It is fine to sign up for an hour and pray for a portion of that time.

### **Devotions**

Please use our devotion as part of your Lenten spiritual practice this year. Our devotion is *Inward Work for Outward Living* by Terri McDowell Ott of the Presbyterian Outlook. Reverend Ott invites us to enter the season of Lent with intentional prayer. This week's devotions focus on "examining our love to live with heart." The biblical texts and reflections prompt us to consider our love. The prayer for each day asks "Free me for love, O God, so I can live with heart."

### **Prayer for Holy Week**

Great God, keep our feet firmly in the Way where Christ leads us; sound from our mouths the Truth which Christ teaches us; and fill our bodies with the Life that is Christ within us, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/daily-prayer-during-holy-week/>

**Scripture texts for Sunday:** Enrich your worship participation by reflecting on the texts before Sunday.

**Children's Time:** Matthew 21:9a

"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna[b] to the Son of David!"

**Worship Service:** Psalm 31:9-16 and Luke 19:28-40

### **Zoom link for Sunday worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87540187211?pwd=bCt1ZFRXL2VHZ2pncm1kSkJxYk4zUT09>

Gentle blessings, Pastor Cindy