

**April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday**

Watchword for the Week – And being found in human form, Jesus humbled Himself, and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Philippians 2:7,8

Welcome to our service of worship on this glorious Palm Sunday! On this day long ago, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the city of Jerusalem to joyous shouts of “Hosanna” (a phrase which means “save”). The people who shouted those words did not understand the kind of Savior Jesus would be. They assumed He would proclaim Himself king, assemble an army and overthrow the oppressive forces of Rome. When He failed to do that, they turned against Him in anger and hate. Within a few days of their shouts of “Hosanna” became shouts of “Crucify Him!”

What the people of ancient Jerusalem could not understand, God has clearly revealed in the pages of Holy Scripture. Jesus rode into that city knowing that He would be rejected and nailed to a cross. He willingly gave His perfect life to save us from our sins. Today, we proclaim “Hosanna” knowing that Jesus Christ is indeed the only source of salvation – for us and for our fallen world. As we worship Him with joy on this holy day, let us also recommit ourselves to serving Him with gladness! Let us tell the world about our Savior, so that more and more people can experience the joy of salvation and join us in serving Him!

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you're here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope you will return and worship with us often in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home – a place where you can share Christian fellowship, learn, serve and grow as a follower of Jesus – we would love to talk to you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Prelude *Ride on, Ride On in Majesty!* Raney
Senior Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy for Palm Sunday (Blue) p. 49
Hymn *Hosanna* p. 239
Conclusion of Liturgy p. 53

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Sermon

This morning, tonight, and each night this week at our special services for Holy Week, Heidi Everhart our Director of Children's Ministry will read to the children a portion of the story *Benjamin's Box*. Today we invite all the children present to come forward to hear the beginning of this story which describes the events of Holy Week through the eyes of a child.

(Children May Leave for Children's Church)

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory *Blessed One, Messiah!* McDonald
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture (several will be read during the sermon)

Sermon “Sacrifice”
Fifth in a 6-Part Series:
“From the Ashes:
Embracing the Full Life of God”

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (Blue) # 603

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Choralbuch

The Palms are placed in the sanctuary today by the Willing Workers Bible Class in memory of the deceased members and in honor of all the current members.

The flowers in the narthex are given to celebrate the 46th wedding anniversary of Mike and Jane Hardison. They are given with love by Julie, Rory, Gavin and Ava and Jared, Megan, Sydney and Nathan.

All parents who have a child in Children's Church will be required to physically come down to the Children's Center on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

This week in Friedberg's History: On April 4, 1773, Friedberg was officially recognized as an official congregation of the Worldwide Unity of Brethren following the action of the Synod in Herrnhut. The 200th Anniversary Lovefeast was held on April 4, 1973, as the diener's dressed in costumes from the 1700's."

Our readings for Holy Week begin tonight at 7:30 p.m. and will run through Good Friday, April 7. Mrs. Heidi will have a special children's message every night and there will be Children's Church for our children attending with their parents. Maundy Thursday Communion will be on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Good Friday Communion on Friday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. We will have Lovefeast on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. **Next Sunday our Easter Sunday Worship Service** will begin at **10:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary and will conclude on God's Acre. Sunday School will begin at **9:30 a.m.**

Friedberg welcomes you to experience the "Journey to the Cross" during Holy Week. Beginning Sunday, April 2 - Friday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. there will be interactive stations set up throughout the church which will take you through some of the events of what Jesus experienced his last week. This could take you anywhere from 45 minutes to about an hour and a half to go through. The timeframe will depend how many might be with you going through as well as how long you spend at a station. There are 13 stations total with a time of reflection at the end. At 7:00pm each night your journey will need to end as some stations are set up in rooms that are used for Holy Week activities. We hope this brings a time to reflect and to remember the greatest sacrifice given for each one of us.

Good Friday Breakfast – Join us for a very special program, **April 7th, 7 AM.** We're serving up breakfast, fellowship, inspiration from Pastor Jim and music by the Friedberg Men's Quartet! Begin your Good Friday contemplating the sacrifice made on this day by our Savior and preparing to receive our Risen Lord on Resurrection Sunday.

We will be receiving new members into our church family on Sunday, April 16, 2023. The new membership class will be held at a later date. Please contact one of the pastors or the church office if you would like to join our church family on April 16.

***Thank you to my church family** for all the cards and prayers during Tom's illness and to the Prayers and Squares and the Women's Fellowship. I am truly blessed, Carole Anne Wise.*

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 2:15 p.m. Friedberg-Enterprise Rehearsal at Home Moravian
- 5:00 p.m. Youth
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Monday, April 3

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Tuesday, April 4

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Youth Room
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Wednesday, April 5

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Band Prelude
- 7:30 p.m. Communion/Holy Week Readings

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)

- 7:00 a.m. First Friday Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Good Friday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Band Prelude
- 7:30 p.m. Lovefeast/Holy Week Readings

Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Easter Event

Sunday, April 9 (Easter)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

April 2, 2023

MEMBERS

Phil Carter	Mark & Vicky Kimel	Mary Lou Pitts
Hal Cockerham	Mike Lambeth	Martha Plyler
Emily Essick	Peggy Lawson	Joy Reich
LeAnne Essick	Yvonne Lemons	Fonda Rosebaum
Jerry Evans	James Llewellyn	Merle Scott
Don Faust	Mike Lumley	Homer Sides
Janie Foltz	Jennifer MacLeod	Betty Sink
Mike Foltz	John Mason	Beverly Smith
Evva Hanes	Darrell Metcalf	Bob & Judy Smith
Betty Helms	Rebecca Mickey	Louise Snyder
Anne Hill	Bobby Myers	Jerry & Gail Tolley
J.T. Hopkins	Reba Payne	Amanda Traigle
Alvin Johnson	Kolton Pennell	Karen Wayne
Robbie Joyce		

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

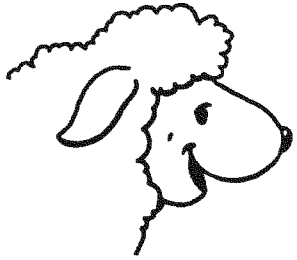
Pat Craver, Richard Randleman and Taffy Rider

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Dakota Holtzclaw	Colton Scott
Dylan Coleman	Alex Kennedy	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Patrick Mickey	Brandon Thompson
Andy Greenwood	Daniel Randleman	Aidan Wheeler
Jennifer Greenwood		

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)
Safie Braima - Sierra Leone
Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University
Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia
Anna Stewart Faircloth – Young Life
Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ
Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University
Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center
Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico
Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya
Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry
Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes



At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook.

Write the letters on the correct blanks below to finish the words.
Hint: The letters are NOT listed in order.

E E E O O O S S S H H

When the centurion (Roman soldier) and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed,



“ ___ur___ly

 H___

 wa___

 t___

 s___n

 ___f

G___d!”



Ages 7+

April 2, 2023 • Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus Is Crucified

Jesus had been arrested. He stood before Pilate, the governor, who asked Him, “Are You the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

Use the code to fill in the blanks below.

✝ = C	✝ = H	✝ = M	✝ = U
✝ = F	✝ = I	✝ = R	✝ = Y



When the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “What shall I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” They all answered,

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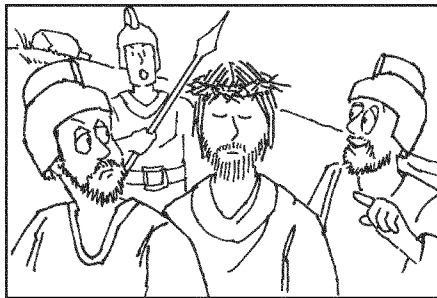
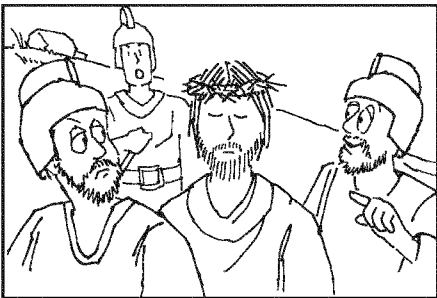
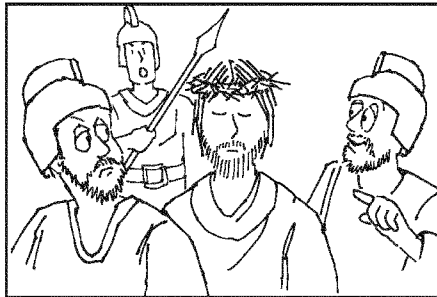
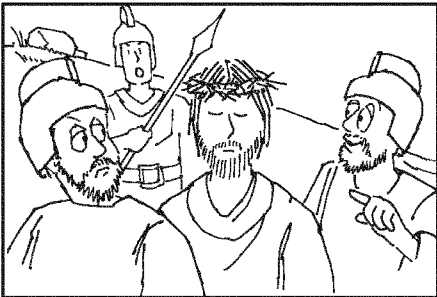
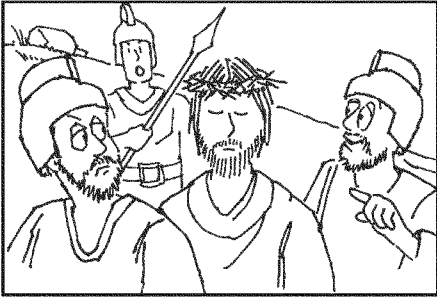
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The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
 Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
 Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
 Debbie Foltz-Music Director
 Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus and put a scarlet robe on Him, and they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head.

Circle the two pictures that are the same.



They put a staff in His right hand, knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

They met a man named Simon, and forced him to carry the cross to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Two rebels were crucified with Jesus, one on His right and one on His left. ...

Use the clues given under the blanks to write the missing words.

... From _____ until
12 o'clock

_____ in the
Number between two and four

After morning and before evening

darkness came _____ all the
Opposite of under

land. And when _____ had
Another name for Christ

_____ out in a _____
Opposite of laughed Opposite of quiet

voice, He gave _____ His spirit.
Opposite of down

