

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Gathering

*Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering*

*Announcements* (See below)

*The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: Matthew 11:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls Matthew 11: 28-29

*Opening Praise* “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” UMH 280

*Call to Worship* (Call & Response)

Leader: This is a day of joyous welcome; Yet our joy is tempered by impending gloom.

**People: We welcome Christ with waving palm branches even as we wait with Him through hours of agony.**

Leader: Our Savior comes humbly, riding on a donkey.

**People: Jesus rides into the tumult of our times even as people still oppose Him today.**

Leader: Yet love prevails despite modern day opposition.

**People: Let us enter the gates of righteousness and give thanks for God’s enduring love.**

*Union Prayer*

**Be gracious to us Loving God, stand close to us in our moments of grief and fear. Be with us in days of sorrow and in days of rejoicing. Our times are in your hands both when we celebrate and when we cry. Guide our thoughts and actions so that we may appreciate the possibilities of each day. We trust you O God, and know that your love is ever directed toward us. AMEN**

*Praise Song* “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” UMH 277

*Proclamation and Response*

*Scripture Lesson* Luke 19: 28-40 (page 1631 in pew Bible)

*Children’s Moment* Pastor Glen Stewart

*Message* “IT’S A PARADE” Pastor Glen Stewart

*Special Music* Chuck Kerns

*Thanksgiving & Communion* UMH 13

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Holy Communion* “Fill My Cup, Lord” FOG 481

*Testimony to Joys and Concerns*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Offertory*

*The Doxology* UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)*

O God, we want to know the joy so many have found when they give their best to you. We want to share the good news of life’s fullness when we share our life and resources with others. Grant new light to us even as we share our resources to help spread your light to others. We ask that you will use these gifts to help spread your love into a troubled world. AMEN

*Sending Forth*

*Sending Song* “Jesus Shall Reign” UMH 157  
*Benediction*

CHURCH CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 6** – Women’s Breakfast 8:30 am Huddle

**Thursday, April 6** – Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm Rochelle UMC

**Sunday, April 9** – Easter Church service, 8:00 am followed by breakfast

**Monday, April 10** – Ministry Council Meeting 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mission of the month for April is Mujila Falls Agriculture Research Center in Zambia. Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in extreme North West Zambia is their focus. There they are working with the Lunda people to increase protein, minerals and vitamins in the diet to reduce the high infant mortality rates and the low life expectancy. They are also working to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The long-term impact is to help to make the Lunda farmers and their families competitive in agriculture pursuits that are favored by the high rainfall and abundant land that is available for them. These include milk, fruit, and meat production, gardening, and field crops. As their incomes improve, their standard of living will improve and they can better afford the costs of education.

Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with Mujila Falls or “M.O.M.” in the memo line and drop your donation any Sunday or mail to Penny Bennett.

Thank you. Missions Team

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Serving This Sunday, April 2**

**Organist:** Bev Kerns  
**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed  
**Greeters:** TBD  
**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed  
**Youth Moment:** Pastor Glen Stewart  
**Children’s Church Teacher:** First Sunday, Kids stay in service  
**Children’s Church Shepherd:** First Sunday, Kids stay in service  
**Communion Steward for April:** Kathy Becker  
**Church Hostess for April:** Contact Kathy Becker  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Nancy & Vern Gittleson  
**Plowing/shoveling snow:** Service Opportunity Available

**Serving Next Sunday, April 9**

**Organist:** Bev Kerns  
**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed  
**Greeters:** TBD  
**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed  
**Youth Moment:** Pastor Glen Stewart  
**Children’s Church Teacher:** Easter Sunday, Kids stay in service  
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Offering for:  
3/26/23 Church Fund: \$1,152.00  
          Umcor           \$120.00  
          Sunday School   \$5.00  
4/2/23 Church Fund: \$1,335.00  
          MOM           \$170.00  
          Fellowship     \$10.00



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