

Creekside Church of the Brethren

April 9, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE: *“When the Saints Go Marching In”* The New Orleans Jazz Band

*GATHERING MUSIC: 63 Renew *“Majesty”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rosanna

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 21:1-11 Tim McFadden

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive) *on screen* from Psalm 118
Congregation sings 72 Renew refrain as response

*HYMN: 60 Renew *“Make way”*

*INVOCATION PRAYER: (unison) *on screen*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lodema Hoke
(Sing 71 Renew *“Hosanna”* as children come forward.)
Nursery care available for preschool age and younger.

MEDITATION: *“In the Crowd”* Pastor Rosanna

INVITATION TO OFFERING
Offertory Hymn: 214 Renew *“Lamb of God”*
Offertory Response: tune 214 Renew, words on screen *“O Bless the gifts”*
Prayer of Dedication

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: 92 Sing the Journey *“Just as I am”*

MORNING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 53:3-6

ANTHEM: *“Man of Sorrows, What a Name”* Dix/Bliss

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 26:36-46

MEDITATION: *“Alone”* Pastor Rosanna

*CLOSING HYMN: 260 Blue *“When I survey the wondrous cross”*

*BENEDICTION

*Please leave the Worship Center in silence;
you may greet one another in the Gathering Area.*

*Please stand as you are able

Your Christian practice is a gift to our faith community.
The following are guidelines for the **week of April 9-15.**

Scripture Reading & Prayer

The Christian Practice for Holy Week is to read and meditate on Jesus’ final events in Jerusalem before the resurrection. Here’s a suggestion of how to read them.

Find a quiet space. Light a candle—light and darkness are important symbols in the Holy Week story. Prepare by seeing yourself in the context of the scripture passage, i.e., see yourself in the garden of Gethsemane. It’s dark. Jesus leaves Peter, James and John in another part of the garden in order to pray in private. Read the scripture once imaging yourself as one of the disciples. How was it that they didn’t realize the agony Jesus was going through? Read it again. What was Jesus experiencing physically and spiritually in prayer? In the same way, put yourself in each scripture’s setting and imagine yourself as one of the characters. The object is to feel this story in a way you haven’t before.

In addition, we suggest you spend some time in the Creekside garden this week.

May you find yourself on holy ground in this week’s readings.

Sunday, April 9	Jesus in Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-46
Monday, April 10	Jesus betrayed and arrested – Matthew 26:47-56
Tuesday, April 11	Peter’s denial – Matthew 26:69-75
Wednesday, April 12	Jesus condemned – Matthew 27:15-26
Thursday, April 13	Jesus between two thieves – Luke 23:39-43
Friday, April 14	Last words of Jesus – John 19:25-30
Saturday, April 15	Jesus prepared for burial – Matthew 27:57-61

Join us next Sunday for the grand finale of this story!

Sunday School 11:00-11:45am

Nursery Room 505, Preschool-Kindergarten Room 506,
Grades 1-5 Room 405, Jr. High Room 203, Senior High Room 301
Thee Seekers Room 303: Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several
Excellent Excuses book study
Onward Room 106: Dunker's Guide to Brethren History book study
Overcomers Room 201: Understanding Your Blessings in Christ book study
New Life Room 302: A Christian View of Hospitality book study
Class in Library: Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet book study

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2017

Upcoming Events		
Tuesday	April 11	Men's & Women's lunches, Bent Oak, 11:30 Christian Education, 6:30 pm
Wednesday	April 12	Feed the Children, 9:00-noon Finance Team, 9:30 am Choir, 7:00 pm
Thursday	April 13	Wired Word, 11:30-1:00, bring a lunch
Friday	April 14	Game Night, 7:00 pm
Sunday	April 16	Choir, 8:45 am

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Norma Miller
- Jerry Hostetler
- Ted Noffsinger
- Mitchell Davis, Sandy Miller's brother-in-law
- Randy Gabrielse

COMING UP:

- **Thursday, April 13:** Love Feast, 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, April 15:** Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 am.
- **Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise Service 8:00 am, Breakfast 8:30 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am, NO Sunday School
- **Sunday, April 23:** Congregational Business Meeting in Gathering Area, following worship. See meeting folders in your Creekside mailbox.



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