

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. by P. LaPlante

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)

INTROIT “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” The Adult Choir

*THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY Matthew 21:1-8

*THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO JESUS

L: The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

P: HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!

L: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

P: “WHO IS THIS?”

L: The crowds were saying,

P: “THIS IS THE PROPHET JESUS FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE.”

*HYMN #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Ellacombe

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ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #277 (*seated*) “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Stories of Jesus

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Passion/Palm Sunday” Hymnal #281

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, ***People: Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: ***And also with you.***

(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for the

“Clean Water Project” of UMCOR

Offertory Anthem: Hosanna! Hosanna!”

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” Hymnal #399, vs. 2

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #280 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” St. Theodulph

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 Bible p.1069

HYMN #288 (*seated*) “Were You There” Were You There

THE RECITATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Gospel of Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

with “I Only Want to Say” from “Jesus Christ, Superstar”
and “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done” (*hymn, rear cover*)

The Passion Players in order of their first recitation, listed left to right:

Leigh Bak

Anna Henry

Brian Bodt

Sarah Brockett

Barbara Repetsky

Priscilla James

ANTHEM “Where Joy and Sorrow Meet” White/Greer

(The Adult Choir)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

(Following the bells, the congregation departs without benediction or postlude.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done 287

1. O Love di - vine, what hast thou done! The im - mor - tal
 2. Is cru - ci - fied for me and you, to bring us
 3. Be - hold him, all ye that pass by, the bleed - ing

God hath died for me! The Fa - ther's co - e - ter - nal
 reb - els back to God. Be - lieve, be - lieve the rec - ord
 Prince of life and peace! Come, sin - ners, see your Sav - ior

Son bore all my sins up - on the tree. Th'im - mor - tal
 true, ye all are bought with Je - sus' blood. Par - don for
 die, and say, "Was ev - er grief like his?" Come, feel with

God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is cru - ci - fied!
 all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is cru - ci - fied!
 me his blood ap - plied: My Lord, my Love, is cru - ci - fied!

Sunday, April 13

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, PALM SUNDAY

EASTER FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages/ Easter Egg Hunt – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship- Children’s Processional - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. Missions - Easter Alternative Giving – Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. MYF Treat Sale – Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. Milford 375th Anniversary Parade meeting-Wesley Center

Monday, April 14

6:45 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library

7:00 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, April 15

BEACON DEADLINE - NO Confirmation Class or Disciple Study

7:00 p.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, April 16

10:00 a.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, April 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service/Communion-Sanctuary

Friday, April 18

GOOD FRIDAY - The Church Office is Closed

Noon: Good Friday Community Worship Service 12-1:30p.m.

1:30 p.m. Church is open for prayer 1:30-3:00p.m.

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service-Gulf Beach (MYF 6:45a.m at beach)

7:30 a.m. Men’s Club Breakfast – Dodd Hall

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary/ 9:00 a.m. NO Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Men’s Club Breakfast – Dodd Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Men’s Club Buffet Breakfast – Dodd Hall

Monday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, April 22

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Disciple I

Wednesday, April 23

9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, April 24

5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. M&E Meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Friday, April 25

UMW 2014 Assembly-Louisville, Kentucky (Friday and Saturday)

Saturday, April 26

11:30 a.m. MYF Celebrate Earth Day- walk to Gulf Beach

Grace Notes

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Today begins the holiest week of the Christian year. Over the next seven days we will use all five senses to experience the dramatic story of God’s self-giving love for us. I urge you to attend and enter into these services, listed within this bulletin, as a means to deepen faith in the Christ whose sacrifice has redeemed us.

From time to time, more active Christians are quick to wish that worshippers who seem to appear only on Christmas and Easter would be here all year. To the extent this is true, I agree. To that hope I add that I wish all of us, but especially those who are active Christians, will enter Holy Week by attending at least one, if not all, of these services. I can assure you that you will find it a blessing.

One of the blessings is the incredible array of talent and commitment from the members of this church. Holy Week worship involves over 100 people: instrumentalists, choirs, altar servers, ushers, greeters, readers, foot washers, flower arrangers and banner changers, Communion stewards and celebrants. Some serve weekly; others—like today’s Passion Players—are unique to this week. To all I give my deepest gratitude for, without them, these services could not happen as they do.

Our special offering today benefits the “Clean Water Project” of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Our Girl Scouts began this project a year ago and updated us several weeks ago. Please give as you are able in the enclosed envelope. 100% of your gift supports this project since administrative costs are paid by our apportionments. What a wonderful reminder of the Living Water of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Bill Katt

Liturgist – Elizabeth Wright

Acolytes – Josh and Nate Carr

Greeters – Bev Anderson and Judy Russell

Cross Bearer – Ryan Lapadula

Bible Bearer – Joe Wessinger

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt and Elizabeth Wright in Dodd Hall.

TODAYS ALTAR has been graced with palms in remembrance of Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in each pew or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

TODAY'S LITURGY is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday are available in the rear of the church. Previous messages are available there and on-line: www.mtm-umc.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

CHILD CARE: *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary; the child care in Wesley Center is not staffed to provide for older children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are *due by noon each Wednesday* for the following Sunday bulletin.

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: **Wet and dry cat food is desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS: Orders are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers” to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). **A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com: 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR APRIL 6:

Total worship attendance all services: 182 (Apr. 6: 172; Healing and Wholeness, Apr. 7: 10)
Total Offering April 6: \$6,460.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 123 (Sunday School: 37; Fasting Covenant Group: 10 ; UMW: 10; Disciple 1: 6 ; Confirmation: cancelled; Adult Bible Study Monday: 5; Adult Bible Study Tuesday 9 ; Adult Bible Study Wednesday: 8; Office volunteers: 2; Praisemakers 5; Bell Choir 9; Adult Choir 22; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.)
*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.

COMING SOON

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC is this Thursday, April 24th. Our sponsors are the United Methodist Women but help is welcomed from anyone for any portion of the time from 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2014 ASSEMBLY will be held April 25-27 in Louisville, Kentucky. “Our own” Lydia Smith will share her gifts of drumming and singing. Let us keep her and the national UMW in prayer.

THE MYF WILL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY Saturday April 26, 11:30 – 2 pm by taking some time out to care for God’s amazing creation! We’ll start at church and walk to Gulf Beach. We’ll enjoy the flora and fauna along the way, and do our part to clean-up where it’s needed. We’ll finish with lunch on the beach, weather permitting. Permission forms will be required for this event. Dress for walking and beach clean-up; friends, as always, are welcome. Leigh Bak is the lead adult for this event.

A FINAL “COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE” CONVERSATION will be held on Sunday, April 27 following worship in the sanctuary. All are invited to this conversation, part of a larger process detailed in last Tuesday’s letter to the congregation and designed to discern if we ready for marriages for all people to be performed in our sanctuary. If you would like to know more, please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814) or any member of the Gay-Straight Alliance listed on the letter, copies of which are in the rear of the church.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY NOTES

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to our Adult Discussion Group which meets each Sunday, 9 – 9:45 a.m., in Wesley Center, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

UNITED METHODIST SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES were sent electronically to our Yahoo-group, Confirmation and Sunday School Superintendent addresses. If you did not receive it please pick up a hard copy in the rear of the sanctuary or contact Mary Lou at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net with your e-mail address.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE, CROSS-BEARER OR BIBLE BEARER? Contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ SCRIPTURE IN 2014? Contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742 or pcjames60@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God’s presence with us. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. United Methodist Women hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are the Men’s Club.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are due **TODAY**, submitted to the church office or dropped in the collection plate, using the enclosed form. We regret that we cannot accept orders after today.

ALTERNATIVE EASTER GIVING THROUGH HEIFER INTERNATIONAL, sponsored by our Missions Committee, is available for your perusal after worship at the table in Dodd Hall. Bunnies, ducks and chicks will benefit those in need! See how!

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP is selling Easter treats in Dodd Hall to support their mission initiatives.

MILFORD 375th ANNIVERSARY PARADE MEETING: 11:30 a.m. in Wesley Center. Anyone interested in getting involved, please join us. For more information, contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com.

WESLEY CENTER RENOVATION: the initial design for long-discussed handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center was unanimously approved by Church Council as recommended by the Board of Trustees and the Building Design group. Architectural drawings are on display in Dodd Hall. Please keep all our leaders in prayer.

CHOIR HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR MAY 13: The University of Mount Union concert is at Nichols UM Church, Trumbull on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., co-sponsored by our United Methodist Cluster. **Thanks to the Henry’s, Winter/D’Andrea’s and Carroll’s who have responded to this request.** More hosts are needed. If you can host or would like more details, please speak with Pastor Brian Bodt or Carol Galloway today; or contact him at 203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com.

THANKS TO ALL who underwrote the cost of our new acolyte robes. We will arrange a time of dedication after Easter.

SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- April 14**
7:00 p.m. **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Worship service of Healing and Wholeness in the Chapel, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. This hour service is song, intercessory prayer, scripture, and a message from the leader for the evening.
- April 17**
7:30 p.m. **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
“WWJD” is the message using the story of the Last Supper in John 13:1-17; 31b-35, with Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 and I Corinthians 11:23-26. The service includes the Lord’s Supper and a service of foot washing.
- April 18**
Noon – 1:30 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY**
An inaugural Community Good Friday service will be hosted in our sanctuary, sponsored by the Milford Clergy Association and based on the “Seven Last Words” of Christ.
- 1:30 – 3 p.m.** The sanctuary remains open to encompass the traditional hour of Jesus’ crucifixion. Prayer guides and readings will be provided.
- 7:30 p.m.** Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 and John 18:1-19:42 are the basis of the message “Suffering the Fear of Violence” with music by the Adult Choir and concluding with a Service of Tenebrae “shadows”.
- April 20** **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY**
Please remember to bring a flower to place in the wire-mesh cross in front of the church. Watch as the resurrection blooms as morning unfolds!
- 7:00 a.m.** Dawn service of Resurrection at Gulf Beach, planned and led by the MYF.
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast by the Men’s Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome.
- 8:30 a.m.** Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs. The message “Forever” will be based on Colossians 3:1-4 and Matthew 28:1-10. Following service, breakfast by the Men’s Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome.
- 10:00 a.m.** Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs, with same texts and message as 8:30 a.m. **No Sunday School on Easter Day.**

THIS WEEK

NO MEETINGS this week. **The church office is closed on Good Friday.**

MEN’S CLUB MEETING on **Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in Dodd Hall

MAY “BEACON” DEADLINE is **this Tuesday, April 15.** Please submit materials to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS MISSION PROJECT will focus on human trafficking. A front page article in the Sunday, March 23rd New Haven Register (www.nhregister.com/general-news/20140332/unh-forensic-scientist-targets-worldwide-sex-trafficking-through-dna) is posted in Dodd Hall. The United Methodist Church speaks clearly and forcefully against this modern form of slavery (“The Social Principles,” pages 111-112, 2012 Book of Discipline). The United Methodist Women are also working to save lives from exploitation: www.new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/news/press/item/index.cfm?id=1290. More information and opportunities to support the youth will be forthcoming.

FRIENDS OF APPALACHIA 2014 DENTAL SUPPLY DRIVE: to provide dental supplies to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia where regular dental care is inaccessible. FOA is collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and cash donations for additional dental supplies and/or shipping. Please leave your donations in the FOA box in Dodd Hall.

