

# MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Palm Sunday March 29, 2015

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” 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 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Unison sung response: *“All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.”*

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

P: *Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”*

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

P: *This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.*

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.*

L: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Unison sung response:

L: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

P: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

L: The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

P: *Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.*

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

P: *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.*

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

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ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*O God, we praise thee for the Master, who rode in triumph into the city of his forebears. We thank thee that he came not as a conqueror to destroy but as a Messiah to save, and that he appealed to human hearts with the glory of love. In the spirit of praise and worship we ask that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord, we confess that we like big demonstrations of power. We confess that we get confused when power is revealed in humility, kindness and love. We confess that too often we mistake kindness for weakness. Forgive our worldly mind and impulses as you help us to understand our Lord’s words, “My kingdom is not of this world.” Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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

Offertory Anthem: “Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!” Mark Hayes

(The Adult Choir)

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11 Bible p. 922

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Ellacombe

THE MESSAGE “Triumphal Entry” presented by Dr. Bodt  
*(A monologue written by Wynne DeWyn)*

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

AN INVITATION TO HEALING ANOINTING

*You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.*

*This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God's love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ's promise "I will be with you always."*

*Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.*

HYMNS (*seated, as needed*): #168, 142, 163 and 488

\*HYMN #298                    "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"                    Hamburg

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

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*Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

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

\*POSTLUDE                    "Crucifix"                    J. Faure

*(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)*

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE STORY CONTINUES.....**



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

No committee meetings this week.

- Tomorrow, 7 p.m.** **HOLY MONDAY:** Healing and Wholeness worship, Chapel
- April 1, Noon** **HOLY WEDNESDAY:** Taize meditative worship, sanctuary
- April 2: 7:30 p.m.** **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** The Lord's Supper will include (optional) foot washing based on John 13:1-17 and 31b-35 with Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 and I Corinthians 11:23-26. Message: "The Calm before the Storm." Worship ends with stripping the altar for Good Friday.
- April 3**  
**Noon – 1:30 p.m.** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
Second annual Community "Seven Last Words of Christ" Good Friday service, hosted at MTMUMC and sponsored by the Milford Clergy Association. Special music by Barbara Repetsky.
- 1:30 – 3 p.m.** Sanctuary open for prayer to complete the traditional hours of Jesus' crucifixion, with printed prayer guides and meditative music.
- 7:30 p.m.** Tenebrae ("shadows") service with Passion reading from Mark 14:1 – 15:47 and Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 and Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12. Message: "One Word." Music by Adult Choir with harp and vocal duet by Mary Lou Kampert and Barbara Repetsky on "Wondrous Love."
- April 5** **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY**  
*Please 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. Easter Sunrise at Gulf Beach by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast by the Men's Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome.
- 8:30 and 10 a.m. Resurrection services of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs (and "Praisemakers" at 10 am). The message "The Great Equalizer" will be based on Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11 and Mark 16:1-8. **No Sunday School on Easter Day.**

*Grace Notes  
Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2015*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*Palm Sunday is fun! The joy of a parade is contagious.*

*The thing is, we sometimes miss the point. It wasn't just a parade, it was a political rally. "Hosanna" means "O save us!" Jesus' name means "Yahweh (the God of Israel) shall save."*

*People thought his arrival meant the hated Romans would finally be gone. So disappointed were they in this servant-king, a king with a kingdom not in this world and a savior who could not save himself, that they were consenting to his death.*

*Do we reject the gift of salvation today because our expectations are not God's expectations? May this Holy Week remind us that there are two plans: yours, and God's. And yours (including mine) doesn't count.*

*Toward an observant Holy Week,*

*Pastor Brian*

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## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O’Hara

**Greeters** – Deb Dubien and Judy Russell

**Acolytes** – Stefano Cono and Josh Carr

**Cross Bearer** – Tanner Georgelos

**Liturgist** – Susan O’Shea

**Bible Bearer** – Paige Perregaux

**Healing Anointers** – Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, Bob Lawrence, and Pastor Hal Vink.

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Susan O’Shea.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are given in loving memory of Mary Ann Williams from her niece, Carol Galloway, and Pastor Brian Bodt.

**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 the attendance pads 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. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

**TODAY’S LITURGY** is taken from Holy Scripture, The Book of Worship (1964), and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The Confession was written by the pastor.

**SERMON COPIES** from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. 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 an adult or guardian.



GREGORY NISSEN  
Executive Director  
BETH ANN GRAF  
Chair, Gov. Board

Dear Congregants:

**Kingswood and Quinipet Camps** are now open for registrations and reservations for family and youth camping 2015!

### **Awesome Facts about our Camps:**

1. Camp runs Sunday to Saturday so mom and dad don't need to take time off work to drop kids off.
2. Both Kingswood and Quinipet are 2.5 Hours from NYC in opposite directions.
3. Your church may offer scholarships, and if they don't, we do.
4. Our programs are 'no joke' awesome! From outdoor camping to wake boarding and everything in between.
5. Our Camps are a judgment free zone - you come as you are!
6. We have 60 years of history behind our success.
7. Between Kingswood and Quinipet, 650 kids attended camp last year (2014).
8. Kingswood and Quinipet each have a family camp opportunity for all to experience.

**Kingswood** has *deluxe camping* with cabin tents and all the gear you would need. Bring your sleeping bags and food. Come for a weekend or a week. Perhaps you have an RV? We offer weekly rentals for up to 32'ft rigs.

**Quinipet** has a week-long family camp event hosted by Rev. Sue Klein and company. Start your summer off right with the week of June 28th thru July 4th! Make it home for the fireworks!

**See you this summer!**

[www.nyaccamps.org](http://www.nyaccamps.org)

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, March 29</i> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<i>8:30/9 a.m.</i> Lenten Fasting Covenant Groups – Gunn Library <i>9:00 a.m.</i> Easter egg hunt – church grounds <i>10:00 a.m.</i> Palm Sunday worship–Sanctuary <i>11:00 a.m.</i> Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall <i>11:30 a.m.</i> Visitation Ministry meeting – Wesley Center
<i>Monday, March 30</i> <i>Tuesday, March 31</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i> Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel NO Confirmation class: students expected at one mid-week worship NO Disciple Bible Study <i>7:00 p.m.</i> Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library
<i>Wednesday, April 1</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library <i>12:00 p.m.</i> Lenten Taize Service – Sanctuary <i>5:30 p.m.</i> Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall <i>6:30 p.m.</i> Bell Choir/ <i>7:45 p.m.</i> Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, April 2</i> <i>Friday, April 3</i>	<i>7:30 p.m.</i> Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion - Sanctuary <i>10:00 a.m.</i> Office Volunteers – Gunn Library Noon Community Good Friday worship – Sanctuary <i>1:30 pm.</i> Sanctuary remains open for prayer <i>7:30 p.m.</i> Good Friday Tenebrae worship – Sanctuary
<i>Sunday, April 5</i> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<i>7:00 a.m.</i> Sunrise Service at Gulf Beach <i>7:30 a.m.</i> Men’s Club Host Breakfast- Dodd Hall <i>8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.</i> Worship Service with Holy Communion NO Sunday School today
<i>Monday, April 6</i> <i>Tuesday, April 7</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i> Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel <i>5:30 p.m.</i> Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center <i>7:00 p.m.</i> Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
<i>Wednesday, April 8</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i> Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall <i>6:30 p.m.</i> Bell Choir/ <i>7:45 p.m.</i> Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, April 9</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i> Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s office <i>6:30 p.m.</i> Missions Meeting – Gunn Library <i>7:00 p.m.</i> Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting - Chapel <i>7:00 p.m.</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1 <sup>st</sup> floor <i>7:00 p.m.</i> Board of Trustees meeting – Egan Room
<i>Friday, April 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

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 TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the Gay-Straight Alliance. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week’s Fellowship Time host is the Men’s Club.

**MYF EASTER TREATS ARE AVAILABLE IN DODD HALL.** Support our Methodist Youth Fellowship as they support our “Lift Us Up” capital campaign.

**A “TRASH AND TREASURES” SMORGASBOARD:**

- **LAST CALL” FOR EASTER ITEMS**, sold in Dodd Hall after worship. **Buy one get one free!** Proceeds benefit the church.
- **DONATIONS OF PLASTIC-ZIPPERED BAGS** (in good condition) are needed. We need the type you receive when buying linens like sheet sets, tablecloths, blankets or comforter sets. We use them to present our merchandise. Thanks for your help!
- **TRASH AND TREASURES BARGAIN OF THE WEEK!** Trash and Treasures has a wonderful collection of baseball cards displayed on the table in the basement near the side door facing Wesley Center. The cards are in very good condition and most are stored individually. These cards can be purchased today after the service. Don’t let the Fair on the Green crowd snag this treasure! ***Dolly Bonisch (203.783.9952)***

**THE APRIL “BEACON”** (our monthly newsletter) was mailed this past Wednesday. Please pick up a copy in the rear of the church if you did not receive yours.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

**ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS** may be placed with Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net). Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

**ACOLYTES, CROSS BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARERS WANTED!** Our children and youth make a positive contribution to our worship. See or contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

**LITURGISTS WANTED:** Serving as a liturgist is a different way to worship on Sunday – needed are former liturgists and first time liturgists, confirmands, young adults, and long- time members. All that is required is love of God. Contact Priscilla James at 203-874-2742.

## COMING SOON

**MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY APRIL 12TH.** Are you willing to host a group of the most fabulous youth for a course in our Progressive Dinner?? **We need four (or 5) host homes: one for appetizers, two (or 3) for the main course, one for dessert.** Please see Shelly Lapadula (or contact at 203-874-4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) if you are able to host one of the courses.



**APRIL MISSION EMPHASES:** we will be collecting dental supplies for “Friends of Appalachia” which may be placed in the box in Dodd Hall for these items. We will also invite contributions to “Imagine No Malaria,” a United Methodist initiative in partnership with other agencies (including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) to provide mosquito netting that saves lives. Our New York Conference goal is \$1.5 million. If you would like to contribute please use the special envelopes in the sanctuary pews or the “other” line of your offering envelopes.

**A CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS** will be offered Sundays, April 12, 19 and 26 after worship with new members to be received on Mother’s Day. You may attend the classes without making a commitment to join. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Pastor Brian (203.874.1982, ext. 11) or the church office (ext. 10).

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** at Mama Teresa’s, **April 12, Noon.** Contact Michelle Craig at [michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com) or 203-877-4332 for more information.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN “DOUBLE-HEADER”, Tuesday, April 14: Noon** meeting in the Wesley Center (bring your lunch) as we plan the Mother-Daughter Banquet and 6:30 p.m. at the home of Stacy Meszaros, 4 Reed Street, for a potluck supper. Join them for one or both!

**“LIFT US UP” GROUNDBREAKING - SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 26** following morning worship. More to come!

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**HOME VISITATION** by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by noon 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 still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples’ released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR March 22nd:**

Total worship attendance all services: 215 (Mar. 22nd: 189; Healing and Wholeness, Mar. 23rd: 5; Taize worship, Mar. 25th: 21. Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up) for Mar 22nd: \$6,246.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts 2,789.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 144 (Office Volunteers 8; “Trash and Treasures” workers: 2; Sunday School: 53; Methodist Youth Fellowship: 14; Confirmation: 5; Disciple 3: 10; Adult Bible Study, Tues: 6; Wed: 15; Praisemakers: 4; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 18). Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) \*Small Groups – please contact the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)/203.874.1982) with your attendance.