

**April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday**

Welcome to our church



**United Methodist Church
of
Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby**

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. Please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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Thank you to George Kiakis for leading worship today.

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ministry in Music: *Abide with Me*

Call To Worship: responsive reading

L: Today we join Jesus in the ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

P: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

P: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

L: We join the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences angering the powers that be.

P: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

L: The journey through Holy Week brings us
face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's
faithfulness to save.

**P: Open the gates of salvation, that we may
come worship God whose steadfast love
never fails!**

***Hymn #213:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King
of glory waits; the King of Kings is drawing near; the
Savior of the world is here.

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple,
set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned
with prayer and love and joy.

3. Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we
open wide; let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and
love in us reveal.

4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is
won; eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to
thy name!

Morning Prayer:

L: God we gather on this day to begin a week of
contrasts.

P: From hope to despair to hope again.

L: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

**P: help us cut through the noise to see what is
happening, to see what is at stake.**

L: As the story unfolds,

P: open us to both the hope and pain.

L: In this time of worship,

P: prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and wait.

Amen

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 118: pg. 839

Response: This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.

The Lord is my strength and my power;
The Lord has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

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

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

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

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

**Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you!

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
For God's steadfast love endures forever. R**

***Hymn #278:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem
rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to
his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest
and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and
loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly
state, nor scorned that little children should on his
bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our
King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and
voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!"

Gospel Reading: Luke:19:28-40 pg. 83

New Testament

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going
up to Jerusalem. **29** As he approached Bethphage and
Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two
of his disciples, saying to them, **30** "Go to the village
ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied
there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it

here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say,
'The Lord needs it.'"

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as
he had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its
owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 They replied, "The Lord needs it."

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the
colt and put Jesus on it. **36** As he went along, people
spread their cloaks on the road.

37 When he came near the place where the road goes
down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples
began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the
miracles they had seen:

38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the
Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones
will cry out."

L. This is The Word of God, for the People of God.

P. Thanks be to God.

Message:

George Kiakis

***Hymn #188:** *Christ Is the World's Light*

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother;

he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!

***Offering**

***Doxology**

UMH #94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Benediction

Postlude

Offering: Please leave your offering in the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Kevin McLaughlin, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Anna Dunlap, Scott Shippey, Barbara Granger, Billy Clark, Robert Dout, Sage Marion-Patruno, Hugh 'Scotty' Hutton, Edgar & Maria, Lisa Barnes, Jessica Guarnera, Kevin McLaughlin, Paul Winters & Family, George Kiakis & Family, Hwang & Sooyun & Family, our Church, our country, our world

If you are in need of prayers or need to speak with a pastor contact the office.
office@umcsouthhadley.org
web site: umcsouthhadley.org
Church office 413 532-0500 Leave a message.

April Calendar

-After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

April 13: Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. UWF Bake Sale

9-12 Make Easter cards, cookies

& more for our home bound friends

April 17: 9:30 a.m. All are invited to Lenten Discussion
with Rose

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday tenebrae Service

April 18: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go

April 20: 10:00 **EASTER Service**

April 22: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees in Pastor's
office & on Zoom.

April 25: 5:30 p.m. Movie night, hot dogs & pop corn - free

April 27: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due..



EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

One of the visible reminders that Easter has arrived is the beautiful profusion of flowers that greets us Easter morning in the sanctuary. The more that are ordered, the more beautiful the display! It is a glorious and very appropriate way to honor a special person and to remember departed loved ones.

To order, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **April 13**. All plants may be taken after the service on Easter Morning. If you would like to deliver a flower to one of our home bound, please contact Ann at 695-1212 or email at office@UMCSouth Hadley.org

Your Name: _____

Please order @ \$13.50 each: _____ Lilies

@ \$7 each: _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth

_____ Daffodil **Please indicate your wishes:**

_____ Donate to a shut-in _____ I will pick up my plant after church

Pease complete for listing in the bulletin and newsletter;

In Memory of/Celebration of /Honor of _____

CIRCLE PLEASE

Given by/from/love _____

CIRCLE PLEASE

Listing will read "in memory of ... by..." if nothing is circled.

Amount Paid _____



So. Hadley Methodist Church
30 Carew St.

Grab & Go

It's comfort food time!

Mac & Cheese with Salad



April 18 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\$12.00

**Menu: Mac & Cheese Tossed Salad
Bun Lemon bars Beverage**



To order: Call: 413 532-0500

Text 413 695-1212

Email: office@UMCsouthhadley.org

Notify us if anyone in your party has a food allergy.

If you will help prepare, sign up, call or email the church.

Helping is fun.

I will help _____

Take & Go Reservations

Name _____

Phone number _____