

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- On this Palm Sunday, pray for courage to follow Jesus in the way of love and solidarity with those on the margins of society. May we make the most of opportunities to share the hope of Christ with those we meet.
- Pray for grace, encouragement, and strength for Mary Kay Kxng as she goes through rehab following a fall and surgery on her hip.
- Pray for Becky Wilkxns and Mitchell, as well as for Liesl Grabxr and Seth as they prepare for their weddings in May. We celebrate their love and ask God's blessing upon them in these weeks.
- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Mary Y., Ellie K., Ruth Y., Lee J., Alejandro A., Kyle Yodxr; as well as others you know. May God strengthen and encourage their hearts day by day.
- Pray for Bill Jr. and Stephanie Barrxtt and their family as they prepare to move to Texas this summer. Give thanks for new job opportunities and pray that God would guide them in the details of the transition.
- Join Anabaptist leaders in Malawx (Africa) in prayer: "Thank God for taking us this far in the midst of the epidemic, and for the good rain. Pray for God's provision for those who have lost income due to Covid-19, and for the financial effect on the church. Pray for an end to the spread of the virus. Pray that revival would stir up in the midst of hardships. May the church remain faithful to God, our only hope."

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Palm Sunday – Deep Calls to Deep: Called to deep hope

Prelude with processional

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

The Lord will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore. - Micah 4:3 (NIV)

Welcome

Gathering song: Hosanna, loud hosanna – H #238

Children's time

Offering and prayer

Psalm reading: Psalm 118:1, 4-9, 25-29

Song: With astonishment, fear, and wonder – VT #579

Gospel reading: John 12:12-19

Message: See, your king is coming

Prayer of Confession, and words of assurance:

L: God of covenant and love, we call to you
from the depths of our hearts.
Deep calls to deep.

P: Jesus, sometimes hope is hard to hold onto;

L: We let pessimism, apathy or despair overwhelm our view of
your faithful promises.

P: At other times we misplace our hopes –

**looking to earthly power, money, the latest fad –
hoping they will give us a bright future.**

(silent prayer; name what keeps you from deep hope)

L: Deep calls to deep.
God responds to us from the depth of divine love.
**P: We come to you, God of the future,
as you call us to deep hope. Amen.**

Response hymn: My song is love unknown – H #235

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: What wondrous love is this – H #530

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to send a note of encouragement to **Mary Kay**, you can continue to use the address & phone number listed in the directory and that will reach her.

Congratulations to Carl and Elaine Newcomxr on the birth of a great-grandson, named Winter. He was born to Corey and Chloe Lianxz on March 24.

This Friday, Apr. 2, mark the biblical events of **Good Friday** by attending a “Cross Walk” at Oak Grove Church, between 5:00-8:00 pm. Visitors will walk in and outside of the building (socially distanced and with masks) to stations telling the story of Christ’s death and resurrection. Invite your friends & family too!

Our **Easter worship** service next Sunday will include celebrating communion together. God has reached out in love to redeem humanity from the grip of sin so that we can live in newness of life. You are invited to prayerfully prepare your heart for this service.

Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. **Bible School Ad Hoc** Group.

Ohio Conference podcast now available: in this new episode, hosts Ramon Lianxz and Corben Boshxrt will talk about evangelism with pastor Brad Rxth, who was the speaker at the recent Missional Conference. Learn why curiosity and asking questions are important as we share our faith. Listen to the podcast at:
<http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

It’s **maple syrup** season! If anyone wants New York maple syrup, send an email to or call Karl Smxth. Same price as usual - \$40.00 a gallon.

When we gather on **Sunday mornings**, thank you for continuing to wear masks, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine as needed - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – The Bible Unwrapped, book study

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

GOOD FRIDAY

5-8:00 p.m. – “Cross Walk” Oak Grove

NEXT SUNDAY

10:10 a.m. – Worship. *Communion*.

Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. John 20:1-18

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 46

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for
God’s kingdom purposes. Thanks.*

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – March 28

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdxl

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Mary N. & Mary P.

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Next Week – April 4

Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mary N. & Mary P.

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: