



PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER



What can we say about the coming of another Palm Sunday and Easter? Are they merely two special days in the yearly calendar, such as Columbus Day or Washington's birthday, days which have their own meaning, but which meaning has little impact on our lives? Do we, on the day after Easter, sigh at the knowledge that we must go back to work after a possible long week-end, counting Good Friday? Does life go on the same, irregardless of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter?

In a very real way, yes, life goes on. There is a Monday after Easter, and for the majority of us, it is a work day. For housewives, meals have to be cooked and the house straightened up after the Easter company has left. Others have to return to offices and factories. Life does have its hum-drum aspect, to be sure.

But Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter can do something about the 'hum-drumness' of life. Because of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, our lives can have a glow to them which can give zest to our everyday experience. For it was through a Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter that our Lord brought about our 'redemption from sin.' What this means for us is that the world need no longer get us down; that we are not helpless creatures who must work until they die and only then have any surcease from the sordid-

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ness of life. Because of what Jesus did for us we can make of each day a true "happening" or experience in the joy of Christian living. It can highlight the expression of a confidence in the value of life and the dedication of that life to the following of a 'way' of living, demonstrated by Jesus, that will see life as it really is, work at its problems, but not be overcome by any sense of futility. The Christian faith makes all the difference in the world. This is what Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter means.



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 7

The 'day of the palms', Palm Sunday, brings two different services at United. The 8 a.m. service will be a preaching service with the Palm Sunday message on "Christ, Facing the World." The 10 a.m. (note change of time) service includes the Service of Confirmation and Reception into Membership of our Junior Confirmands, as well as the Palm Sunday music, 'The Palms' which will accompany the Procession of the Palms by the choirs and Confirmands. Palm leaves will be distributed after the services to all who are in attendance, to be taken home and displayed until next Ash Wednesday. Church School on Palm Sunday and Easter begins at 8:45 a.m.



LORD'S SUPPER TABLEAU

On Wednesday of Holy Week, April 10 at 8 p.m. the men of the Men's Club are pleased again to present

the very moving and most beautiful tableau and drama of the Lord's Supper in our sanctuary. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Al Witzke this tableau is a unique presentation a fitting presentation for Holy Week. Dramatizing Di Vinci's famous painting in 'stop-gap' action, the presentation also provides a history of each of the disciples in the masterpiece. Come and witness this outstanding presentation again Scurry around the neighborhood, find one or more who haven't seen it and bring them with you. This is so unique a dramatization we want all to witness it.

**TENEBRAE
SERVICE
THURS., APR. 11**



A second traditional Holy Week service is the service of 'the lowering of the lights' on Maundy Thursday night at 8 p.m. After the Service of Holy Communion that night, and the evening message, we extinguish the candles on the altar and gradually dim the lights in the sanctuary as the Scripture and music of Holy Week are presented. At services end the sanctuary is in complete darkness save the lighted cross of our Lenten motif. The congregation leaves in quietness and thoughtfulness.



**GOOD FRIDAY
PREACHING AND
COMMUNION
SERVICES**

The identical services are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., both including the message for Good Friday on 'Jesus' Body Taken from the Cross' and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Choral music at each service.

The churches of Canton-Highlandtown offer two 3 hr. Good Friday services, from 12-3 p.m. The services will be at the Church of the Resurrection Episcopal, Fayette and Linwood; and Messiah Lutheran, Potomac and O'Donnell. Pastors Rasche and Weissner will participate in the service at Messiah as well our choristers.



Symbol of Resurrection

**GRAND
EASTER
DAY
SERVICES
APRIL 14**

We greet Easter Day with our Easter Sunrise service at 6 a.m., which features the Sacrament of Holy Communion as well as the Easter message from the pulpit and music of Easter, plus the visualization of our beautiful altar, arranged with the hundreds of Easter lily blooms.

The festival service at 10 a.m. brings the culmination of the Lenten-Easter season in the glorious music of Easter, the Scriptures of the Resurrection, the Easter Lily Altar and Memorial Service, the bringing of our Easter gifts, the Easter message on "Easter Is Not a Supposition," and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At only these Easter services will there be a dismissal prior to the Communion, thus enabling those having received the Sacrament during Holy Week to be at the service without remaining for the sacramental service again.

Church School at 8:45 a.m. on Easter.



**SUNDAYS
AFTER
EASTER**

We return to the normal hours for Worship and Church School - the services of worship at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.; the Church School session at 9 a.m. But this return to normal schedules does not indicate a let-down in importance of these services. As you read the editorial in this issue you cannot help but get the message that the events of Holy Week and Easter but prepare us for a continuous loyalty to the faith and Christ's Church. Let us vow to be here regularly.



EASTER
Lest We
Forget

EASTER MEMORIALS AND GIFTS; EASTER LILY FUND

First, as you know, the Easter lilies at the altar are provided by the giving of cash gifts or memorials to the Easter Lily Fund. Because we desire uniformity in our lilies, they are all purchased by our Flower Committee, and individual plant gifts, to be taken following the services, are discouraged. Our lilies are taken to our shut-ins as a gift from the church after the services. As you may desire to give assistance to the Fund, place your Easter lily gifts in a plain envelope and mark it 'Easter Lily Fund' with your name and address.

Memorials at Easter as well as the Easter lily gifts will be acknowledged in the special Easter Memorial brochure, and become a part of our Easter Memorial service at the 10 a.m. service. If you desire to make an Easter memorial in memory of a departed loved one, place same in the envelopes sent you with the mailing, and fill out the front completely.

Please see that the Easter Lily gifts and Memorials are given no later than Palm Sunday, which will be the closing date as far as printed brochure is concerned.

PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMANDS



St. Paul, in Col. 1:9 writes"... we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God"

We of this congregation of faith ought to be in prayer for each of our Confirmands, as they make their vows of loyalty unto the Lord, those of our personal family groups and all the youth, for we are all part of the family of faith here at United. Pray for these youth, even as the admonition comes to pray for all who make promises at our altar

at Communion, at baptisms and at adult memberships, as well as at Junior Confirmation. Our prayers should be, according to the admonition of St. Paul, that we and they may bear fruit in every good work and constantly be increasing in the knowledge of God.

OUR EASTER GIFTS

In each set of envelopes is a special Easter envelope, for a special gift to your church, alongside the regular envelope gift for April 14, at this wonderful day of Easter. This gift, together with our Lenten Dime folders, which we have been using all of Lent, will be dedicated at the 10 a.m. Easter service. Praise the Risen Lord in His Sanctuary but come and place these special gifts at His altar.

CHICKEN SUPPER SCHEDULED FOR TUES., APR. 23



Hurry and get your calendar, for we want you to put a date on it. The date is Tues., April 23. Encircle this that you won't forget, for this is the date of the Chicken Supper here at church, given by our Ladies Aid. With luncheon from 12 to 2 p.m. and the evening meal from 5 to 7:30, there will be opportunity for you and your family to get this delicious meal. Priced at \$1.50 per person, this is a real bargain. Also several bazaar tables will be displaying many items for your purchase.

THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION

Plans are being finalized for a meeting for men and women of our church and all our United Churches of Christ on Wed. April 24 in our Friendship Hall, at which time we will give attention to the proposed constitution of our state of Maryland. Special invitations are being sent to all our pastors and Brotherhoods or men's classes, extending to them the invitation for

all men and wives to come and be with us for this important discussion. Above all, we want the men and women of our own church in attendance. Though sponsored by our Men's Club, this is for all our folk. To guide us in the discussion on this subject, representatives of both the 'pro' and 'con' points of view will be present as our leaders. You and I need to be concerned about this Constitution, for we will be having to vote on it on May 14. This is a good way to become informed.



COMMITTEES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

The following committees were appointed some time ago by President Fader, but room was not available until now to publish this list ing:

Property - George Sauer, chairman, Robert Logue, Sr., Louis J. Smith, John Lenning.

Finance - Richard Single, chairman, William Single, III, Ernest Jones, Alfred Johnson.

Membership - William Voelker, chairman, Louis Parker, Sr., Frederick Long, John Lenning, Richard Single.

Altar - George Sauer, chairman, J. Albert Fader, Sr.

Fellowship - J. Albert Fader, Sr. chairman, Frederick Long, George Sauer.

Calendar - Ernest Jones, chairman, Pastor Rasche.

Ushering - Louis J. Smith (8:00 a.m.) William A. Voelker, (10:15 a.m.)

Music - Frederick Long, chairman Donald Schnader, Pastor Rasche.

Auditing - Alfred Johnson, chairman, Louis Parker, Sr., Paul Bauersfeld (non-council)

Spiritual (Church and Ministry)

William Single, III., chairman, Robert Logue, Sr., J. Albert Fader, Sr., Richard Single, Louis Parker, Sr.

Other 'ad hoc' committees are appointed for special purposes and special seasons.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Robin Ann, daughter of Robert Thompson and Ann Milke, on Mar. 10

Weddings;

William Crispens, III and Suzanne E. McKnight, on Feb. 25

Donald G. Scullen and Olga M. Clark on Mar. 9

Funerals:

Thomas E. Williams, age 35 on March 14



ATTENDANCE REPORT

In the March Endeavor a goal of 435 average attendance for the Sundays of March was proposed, which represented an increase of 25 per Sunday over Sundays in Jan and Feb.

At this writing, near the middle of March, it can be reported that the response has been most gratifying for the Sundays thus far ---- the first Sunday racking up an attendance of 459; the second, 461; the third, 334. Promises are that we will top our goal by good measure. It is good to see the sanctuary so well occupied. May we always be mindful of the necessity of being in God's House on the Lord's Day. With both an 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. service, we can make it to church even though have other plans for the day.

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