

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GREETING Pastor Mark  
PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21:1-11 Coty Brown  
PROCESSIONAL PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" D. Wagner

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*OPENING HYMN 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
ANTHEM "Hosanna" C. Gregor  
*Grace Chancel Choir*

OPENING PRAYER Coty Brown

**Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Lord of the Dance" arr. J. Rutter  
*Grace Chancel Choir*

*As the children come forward, the congregation sings the refrain of 261 - "Lord of the Dance".*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dana Christine Swope

*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9 Coty Brown

CALL TO PRAYER "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" [vs. 1]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Coty Brown  
My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

**Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to**

**him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Mark

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Prelude on Gethsemane" D. Schack

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF PREPARATION "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" [vs. 2, 3]

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY Matthew 26:14-75; 27:1-66

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

DEPART IN SILENCE

*Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep and strengthen you today and forever. Amen.*

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\* Please stand if you are able.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are in celebration of Joe & Laile McBride's 62nd anniversary given by their children and grandchildren.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 13

Worship – 31, 64

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 9 Travis Sidwell, Jaymin Weaver

April 10 Linda Huston Moore, Devin Israel

April 11 Linda Friel, Becky Forster, Linda Sidwell

April 13 Lauren Wood

April 14 Coty Brown, Linda Hatfield, McKenzie Huston, Nellie Rutledge, Rachel Mayoras

April 15 Jessica Carder, Kevin Miller, Michele Redman

**SURPRISE! SECRET!** The Grace Family is invited to a celebration of Bill Stewart's 70th birthday on Saturday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary [musical program]. RSVP to Amy Smith – 740-408-2411 or [astewartc21@hotmail.com](mailto:astewartc21@hotmail.com). Remember – it's a surprise!!

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, April 9	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Rolling Plains UMC
Monday, April 10	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, April 11		
Wednesday, April 12	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 13	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service – Coburn UMC
Friday, April 14	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
	12:00 noon	Good Friday Service – Immanuel Church
Saturday, April 15		
Sunday, April 16	8:15 a.m.	Easter Vigil / Service of Light and Word – Fellowship Hall
	9:16 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Celebration

### VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

### KROGER PLUS CARD

Use your Kroger Plus Card and benefit Grace Church. The *Kroger Community Rewards* program is a great way to give back to the church.

This is a reminder that starting **April 1** it is time to **re-enroll** in the rewards program for the coming year. This procedure must be done online; the store is not allowed to enroll you.

Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

select store location

select 're-enroll' if enrolled in the past; select 'enroll' if new to the program, follow the instructions

Grace Church organization number is **81252** to use in registering.

### Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this morning:

Hospitality Team – Dana & Cindi Swope, Rick & Cindy Lawyer

Eleavator Attendants – Chase & Sarah Tippie

Organist – Tony Merry

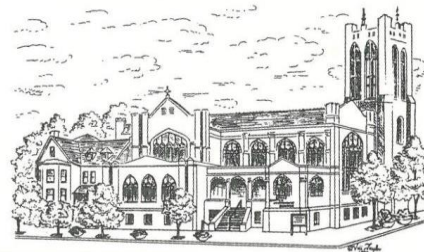
Pianist – Marcie Butterfield

Liturgist – Coty Brown

Readers – Jack Butterfield, Coty Brown, Mark Chow, Tom Swan, Christy Swope

Children's Ministry – Julie McAllister, Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Dana Swope

Sound Technician – Craig Hill



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### **SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT: PALM / PASSION SUNDAY**

The season of Lent is a time of reflection, self-examination and penitence, preparing us for this holy encounter. This morning we begin with the procession of Palms and the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus, but then we shift our focus to the Passion narrative (the story of Jesus' suffering, pain and death).

### **Holy Week Worship Opportunities**

**TONIGHT Sunday, April 9th** – 6:00 p.m. - Community Lenten Service. Easter Cantata.  
Rolling Plains UMC – 3350 Moxahala Park Rd.

**Thursday, April 13th** – 7:00 p.m. - Community Maundy Thursday Service.  
“Living Last Supper” drama. Coburn UMC – 3618 Maple Ave

### **Easter Sunday, April 16th – Grace UMC**

8:15 a.m. Easter Vigil – Service of Light and Word

9:16 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration

**LOOKING AHEAD – April 23** – A Women's Event – *Spring Into Health Gracefully* – immediately following the 10:30 service. Reservations to Becky Woods – 740-683-4529 or [rwoods262@yahoo.com](mailto:rwoods262@yahoo.com) by April 17.