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# Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all** we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

*If you are a Miami student, we invite you to make this your church home away from home during your time at Miami.*

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**\*Please stand as you are able** Liturgist: Candace Crist

(Image on cover: "Olive Trees" by Vincent Van Gogh)

## WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE** Royal Procession on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"  
Dan Miller

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Shout to the King Hosanna"  
Mark Patterson

**CALL to WORSHIP**

*Reading of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem according to the Gospel of Mark*

(congregation please stand when invited and join in the following processional response)

**\*PROCESSIONAL RESPONSE**

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #197**

**\*THE THANKSGIVING**

We gather together in this place.  
**Raising our branches in joy!**

Joining all who wish to see Jesus  
**eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.**

We gather together in this place.  
**Raising our branches in hope!**

Joining all who wish to hear Jesus  
**longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.**

We gather together in this place.  
**Laying down our branches in fear.**

Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus  
**through the week ahead,  
through anguish, accusations, despair.**

We gather together in this place.  
**Waving branches of prayer.  
Walking toward the Cross, and the empty tomb.**

**\*PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Come. Come O Holy One.  
Come through the streets.  
Come into the house.  
Come to find a space beside us at the table.  
Come to challenge our answers about  
**Why tragedy comes  
Why poverty increases  
Why we are afraid.**

Come O Holy One.  
Speak to us in the silence  
**With wisdom greater than ours  
With love deeper than ours  
With change wider than ours. Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS**

**\*SHARING the PEACE**

**A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Coin Banks

## READING of the PASSION ACCORDING to the GOSPEL of MARK

**UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN - "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" (vs. 1 & 2) #202**

**The Passover Meal – Mark 14:12-21**  
(Narrator, Jesus, Disciples)

**ANTHEM - "Is It I, Lord?"** Mark Kellner

**The Lord's Supper; Peter's Denial Foretold – Mark 14:22-31**  
(Narrator, Jesus, Peter)

**HYMN - "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 1 & 2) #220**

**Jesus Prays in Gethsemane; The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus – Mark 14:32-52**  
(Narrator, Jesus, Judas)

**ANTHEM - "Garden of Tears"** Ruth Elaine Schram

**Jesus Before the Council – Mark 14:53-65**  
(Narrator, False Witness, High Priest, Jesus)

**HYMN - "My Song is Love Unknown" (vs. 1 & 3) #209**

**Peter Denies Jesus – Mark 14:66-72**  
(Narrator, Girl, Peter, Bystander)

**ANTHEM - "In Love Christ Came Among Us"** Bill F. Leach and Joseph M. Martin

**Jesus Is Sentenced to Death – Mark 15:1-20**  
(Narrator, Pilate, Jesus, Crowd)

**HYMN - "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1 & 2) #215**

**The Crucifixion of Jesus – Mark 15:21-41**  
(Narrator, False Witness, Chief Priest, Jesus, Crowd, Centurion)

**ANTHEM - "Even the Heavens Are Weeping"** Joseph M. Martin  
Joe Foltz, percussion

**The Burial of Jesus – Mark 15:42-47**  
(Narrator)

(Silent Reflection)

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING** "Jesus Died for Me" arr. Robert J. Powell

**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**HYMN - "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 3 & 4) #215**

**\*BLESSING**

**Today we shout Hosanna.  
May this blessed word remain with us in the week ahead.  
May the Lord grant us all to follow faithfully where Christ leads us, and may we all know courage and certainty that God's Three-in-One presence will lead us ever closer to the grace of resurrection that is ours to share. Amen**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"The March to Calvary"*  
Colin Curtis

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## **CHANCEL CHOIR ROSTER:**

Director - Kent Peterson Organist - Lynn Jacobs

Ashley Boyle - Carol Burkhalter - Deb Davidson - Pam Deahl  
Judy Fisher - Katya Fisher - Joe Foltz - Paula Foltz - Michael Irwin  
Jack Liles - Susan Maxfield - Dick Munson - Mary Jane Roberts  
Becky Rudolph - Joe Simpson - Karen Simpson - Diane Young

## **Guest Singers:**

MacKenzie LaMotte, soprano - Rachel Brown, alto  
Luke Wielgos, tenor - Steele Fitzwater, bass

Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

**Greeters:** Scott and Nancy Parkinson

**Acolyte:** Lydia Bartel

**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Cy and Diane Young in celebration of their family.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Fairmont Presbyterian

**Sister Churches:** The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Bill King, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, Jean Woodruff

Email prayer requests call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Prue Dana and Paula Foltz on behalf of OPW.

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**Passion Narrative Cast:**

**Narrator:** Karen Shearer - **Jesus:** Lawrence Bartel

**Disciple and False Witness:** Greg Hughes

**1st Disciple and High Priest:** Scott Parkinson

**2nd Disciple and bystander:** Tom Holmes

**3rd Disciple and Centurion:** Steve Flee

**Peter:** Jens Bartel - **Judas:** Grady Holmes - **Girl:** Leanne Staley

**Pilate:** Bill Fisher - **One of the Crowd:** Dick Munson

**Crowd:** The choir

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**Eco-Palms:** "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (Mark 11:9). To celebrate Palm Sunday, our congregation partnered with Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management (CINRAM) to use Eco-Palms. The harvest of palm products is an important income source for many tropical families and communities. If you would like to learn more, brochures are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.

**Easter Special Music Fund and Spring Flower Order:** This year Spring flowers will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$16.00. Contact the church office, 513-523-6364 or [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org). Monetary donations can be made to the Special Music Fund. **Flower orders are due by Thursday, March 29 and are available in the Molyneaux and outside the church office. Order forms can be placed in the offering plate or Administrative Assistant mailbox.**

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**OPC Community Meal:** Wednesday, March 28 at the Seminary Building. Please call or e-mail Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or [fisherwf@miamioh.edu](mailto:fisherwf@miamioh.edu) if you can help.

**Please signup to volunteer:**

Set up at 4:30 p.m. \_\_\_ Serve 5:30-6:30 pm \_\_\_

Clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. \_\_\_

**I can bring:** Lasagna \_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Place in offering plate or the Administrative Assistant Mailbox.**

**Youth Ministry: Parents and Youth (6-12 grade):** TODAY, at 5pm in the Molyneaux Lounge, there will be a meeting for parents and youth involved in the Youth Ministry at OPC. We will be discussing upcoming plans and events for Youth Group, Kirkmont Spring Retreat, Kirkmont Summer Camp, and the Mission Trip to Charleston, SC. Please contact Mitch Hardy, Youth Director, if you have any questions. (513) 907-5641 or [mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com)

**Deacon's Community Blood Drive:** Tuesday, March 27  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ~ Seminary

**Appointments Recommended**

**To Donate Blood:** Sign up online at [www.Donortime.com/](http://www.Donortime.com/) use **Sponsor Code 321**. Choose "Donor Login", you will be given instructions on what to do.

If you would like us to sign you up, please contact the church office at 513.523.6364 or [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org), give your name, date of birth, phone number, and preferred appointment time.

**Maundy Thursday:** March 29, 2018 at The Knolls. We will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by our worship service at 6:15 p.m. Contact the church office, 513-523-6364 or [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org), to make your reservations. Meal reservations at a cost of \$6.00 per person due by March 27. **No reservations required to attend the Worship Service only.** Reservation forms are available in the Molyneaux Lounge and outside the church office. Reservation sheets can be placed in the offering plate or Administrative Assistant mailbox.

**Good Friday – Walk of Witness:** On Good Friday, March 30 invite friends and neighbors to join your OPC family and our brothers and sister in faith from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for a Walk of Witness. We will gather at Holy Trinity around 11:50 a.m. At noon, we'll begin a time of prayer and scripture readings in which we depart HT on foot taking turns carrying a homemade, life-size wooden cross. Through a series of readings along Poplar and High, we'll arrive at the uptown Memorial Park for a reading of the Passion. The walk will conclude at OPC.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are needed for April 22 and 29 and for all of May. You may sign up on the calendar which is located next to the water fountain or call Marge Smith at 523-2895.

**OPW Spring Brunch:** Saturday, April 14, 2018 in the Molyneaux Lounge at 10:00 a.m. Please make your reservation by Thursday, April 12. Forms are available in the Molyneaux Lounge, and outside the church office and can be placed in the offering plate or Administrative Assistant mailbox. Or Contact the church office, 513.523.6364, email: [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org) to make your reservation.

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School on Easter, April 1, for K-2, 3-5 and middle school. Preschool and Nursery care will be available.

**Sunday, March 25**

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

**Monday, March 26**

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

**Tuesday, March 27**

10:00 Church Showing (Knolls)  
12:00 Staff Meeting (Molyneaux)  
2:00 Deacons Blood Drive (Seminary)

**Wednesday, March 28**

5:30 Community Meal (Seminary)  
7:30 OPW Coordinating Team (Molyneaux)

**Thursday, March 29**

5:30 Maundy Thurs. - Meal  
6:15 Maundy Thurs. - Service  
7:00 Youth Group (Seminary)  
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

**Friday, March 30**

12-1 Walk of Witness

**Saturday, March 31**

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, April 1**

**Easter Sunday**

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

**Pastor:** Lawrence H. Bartel

**Clerk of Session:** Julia R. Fisher

# Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday



**Sunday, March 25, 2018**



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