



**John Knox
Presbyterian Church**

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

Meeting Jesus at the Table

Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Words of Welcome

*May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

*** Call to Worship**

*I moved to the table, holding the precious ointment,
my eyes meeting and holding the gaze of the One preparing to die.*

*To my precious Lord, I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.*

*I fell to my knees and broke open my treasure,
massaging the fragrant oil into his feet,
and wiping them with my hair.*

*To my precious Lord, I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.*

*I kept my eyes on his, as a collective sigh arose from the room,
followed by a bitter criticism, an attempt to disparage my action.*

*To my precious Lord, I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.*

*My tense shoulders relaxed at his words, "Leave her alone":
Defended by Jesus I could take on the whole world.*

**Jesus, friend and defender, may we who remember Mary's story,
be emboldened to live with her same courage and passion.**

*** Hymn** "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" #200

*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

We, too, are a part... you are forgiven and freed!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** Response**

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

#437 twice

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 12: 1-8

NRSV

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’s feet, and wiped them¹ with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Time with God’s Children

Sermon

“A Meal with Chosen Family”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“Filled with Excitement”

#199

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Minute for Mission

Marion Polk Food Share

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

arr. Victor Labenske

*** Sung Response**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

verse 6

#697

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* **Sending Song** "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" #202

* **Charge and Benediction**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "Be Thou My Vision" *Trad. Irish*



Looking Ahead

TODAY 4:00 Westminster Presbyterian's
Passion Cantata "Undivided"

Tues. Apr. 15 2:00 Women's Fellowship – Social Hall

Thurs. Apr. 17 5:00 **JKPC Maundy Thursday** simple supper, worship, and Communion

Fri. Apr. 18 5:30 **Good Friday** service at First
Presbyterian, 770 Chemeketa St NE
7:00 **Good Friday** service at Westminster
Presbyterian, 3737 Liberty Rd S

Sat. Apr. 19 noon-4 pm PDC TAMALES SALE \$30/dozen

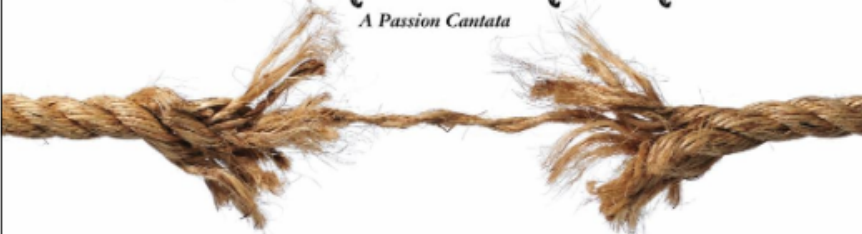
Sun. Apr. 20 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**
Bring flowers for the cross
10:30 Worship
Christ Jar Offering
11:30 Expanded Social Hour/Fellowship
and birthday/anniversary celebration

Sun. Apr. 27 10:30 Worship

Tues. Apr. 29 8:30-4:30 Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Interfaith Advocacy Day

Thurs. May 1 Noon Deacons meet in Social Hall
1:30 Mission Committee meets

Undivided
A Passion Cantata



Westminster Chancel Choir & String Orchestra
Dr. Jeffrey Larkin, conductor
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025
Time: 4:00PM
Seating starts at 3:30PM
Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church — Salem, OR
Tickets: Free & Available at the Door. Donations accepted.

The concert, featuring the Westminster Chancel Choir and String Orchestra, will showcase a varied mix of musical styles designed to resonate with audiences from all walks of life. From classical compositions to Southern Harmony, "Undivided" aims to deliver a performance that speaks to the soul, blending melodies, rhythms, and emotions into a truly unforgettable evening. Music has the unique ability to bring us all together, and this concert is our tribute to that shared experience.

Seats are limited, so arrive early. Bring your friends, family, or anyone who values the sense of community and celebration that "Undivided" promises to deliver.

Liturgist: Lane Oxley
 Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis
 Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

EASTER SUNDAY: FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS We will again process the flowered cross on Easter Sunday. Please plan to arrive a bit early on Sunday morning to bring your flowers so they can be placed on the cross. Sheila is coordinating the effort, and many hands make light work – be sure to let her know if you can help.

MAUNDY THURSDAY is April 17. JKPC will offer a traditional simple supper and worship service, including Communion, in the Social Hall. The meal will be provided by the Worship Committee. We will begin at 5:00 and should be finished by 6:30, so you can go home while it's still light. We hope to see you there. If you need a ride, please let Joan or Eileen know, and we'll figure it out!

GOOD FRIDAY services will be held at First Presbyterian downtown (5:30) and at Westminster Presbyterian in south Salem (7:00). We encourage you to attend one of these services if it fits with your schedule.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP The deacons will provide a special fellowship time after Easter worship, serving cupcakes and other refreshments. Please join us!

APRIL FOOD for the Keizer Community Food Bank is **SHELF STABLE BEVERAGES** – any kind, like milk, apple juice, Capri Sun – any drinks that do not need refrigeration. We'll accept any other food items, of course. Donations are dedicated on the last Sunday of the month in worship before delivery to the food bank.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING is received through Easter Sunday. This annual offering is divided between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Through this offering, we can join with many others to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed here in the US and around the world in over 100 countries. *If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

For your info: PDC has installed a shed outside the south kitchen door to hold their large-sized kitchen equipment.

ATTENDER SURVEY LINK was emailed to all with email addresses in the directory on Wednesday evening, March 26. Your time and effort to complete this survey is very appreciated. It's not often that "attenders" are asked questions – be sure to let your thoughts be known in this national survey about the pandemic's impact on congregations and attenders. THANK YOU! If you have difficulty with online surveys, please see Eileen for a paper survey. If there are two attenders over 18 in the household, each person can use the link for their own responses. If you have questions about this survey, please see Eileen.

GATHERING WITH OTHERS to share a meal is at the heart of the human experience. This Lenten Season, we meet Jesus at the Table, reflecting on our physical and spiritual hunger, and engaging in familiar table stories from the gospels.



We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks. Copyrighted music is projected and recorded under One License #A-735693, CCL#3162413, or by permission of the author.

This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.

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PC(USA) NEWS The Presbyterian Office of Public Witness stood in solidarity with Repairers of the Breach recently as the latter held a prayer and protest rally in Washington, D.C. to decry proposed budget cuts that it says would be detrimental to women, children and other marginalized people. Supporters gathered outside the U.S. Supreme Court April 2 for the second “Moral Witness Wednesday” by Repairers of the Breach, a faith-based, anti-poverty organization trying to keep Congress from adopting a budget that it says would weaken the social safety net while benefitting the rich. “We cannot go along with what is happening,” said the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of Repairers of the Breach, who was speaking by phone to those gathered in person and online. “This budget is a budget for the greedy. It is a budget for taking. It is a shameful thing.” In his remarks, Barber said the cuts would hurt several vulnerable groups, including children, older people and LGBTQIA+ persons, and called for “a movement across America.” “Now is the time that we must do whatever it requires in our nonviolent traditions,” Barber said. *For more information about Moral Witness Wednesday, go to <https://breachrepairers.org/get-involved/events/moral-witness-wednesday/>*



Join Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon for Oregon Interfaith Advocacy Day on Tuesday, April 29, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem.

Now is the time for people of faith to rise up in hope and to call for justice and compassion in our legislative system. Together we can be the prophetic voice at the Oregon Capitol, standing with the marginalized in our communities and upholding the moral imperative for a state budget that supports the common good.

The morning session at St. Mark Lutheran Church will feature a keynote address, training on effective advocacy, and issue briefings. In the afternoon, participants will march to the Oregon Capitol Building, where they will present concerns to their legislators. Talking points and legislative appointments will be provided.

ISSUE AREAS may include Immigration & Refugees, Housing & Homelessness, Climate & Environment, Healthcare, Hunger, Criminal Justice Reform.

SCHEDULE: Morning session at St. Mark: 9 a.m. to noon. Afternoon meetings with state legislators: times will vary.

REGISTRATION: \$20; scholarships available.

For more information and to register: <https://emoregon.org/event/iad-2025/>