

## When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group** - Monday, April 27th @ 7pm  
"Somewhere Beyond the Sea" by TJ Klune
- Chair Yoga** - Mondays @ 11:45am
- FaithTalk Bible Study** - Tuesdays @ 12:00pm (Lent Study with Cindy)
- Grief Support Group** - Thursday April 9th @ 12:00pm
- Prayer Team** - Wednesdays @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic's Circle** - Tuesday, April 14th @ 6:30pm  
Meets at: Brick & Ivy Coffee Co. 27754 Bluegrass Dr. Channahon, IL
- Youth Group** - Wednesday, April 8th @ 7:00pm

WiFi is available—"MUMC-Guest" (No password required)

### **LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER	VAL GUNDERSON
SONG LEADERS	RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD, SUSAN SPENCER
ACCOMPANIST	SUE MALMBERG

### **CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS	ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
LEAD PASTOR	REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA
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## Jesus: Acting Hero



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 9:30am**

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat? Will you lay down something important? Will you shout “Hosanna”? Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?  
**Many Voices: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention. We will worship. We will follow.**

Reader: Hosanna in the highest!  
**Many Voices: Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*SINGING**            “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”            UM Hymnal #278

Verse 1

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
 through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
 To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
 the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Verse 2

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
 the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
 The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
 nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 29TH**

8:00AM LENT BIBLE STUDY  
 9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 12:30 EASTER EGG HUNT

**MONDAY 30TH**

NO CHAIR YOGA—RESUMES APRIL 6TH

**TUESDAY 31ST**

12:00PM FAITH TALK LENT STUDY

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST**

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

**THURSDAY 2ND**

6:30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

**FRIDAY 3RD**

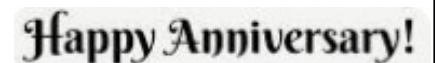
7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

**SATURDAY 4TH**

5:00PM HOLY SATURDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!**

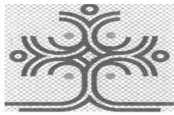
**Attendance March 22nd at MUMC**  
 In person: 79 online: 28  
**General Fund Giving for 3/22: \$3,613.52**  
**Total giving in all for 3/22: \$3,763.52**



- 29 Shelley Boyer-Dailey
- 29 Isabel White
- 30 Sean McCammon
- 2 Ruth Casagrande
- 2 Don Casagrande
- 3 Hailey Allgaeuer
- 3 Val Gunderson

4 Joe & Amanda Sramek





*Tell Me Something Good—  
Grounding ourselves in the good news  
this Lent*

**GATHERING for HOLY WEEK Worship Experiences**

Sunday, March 29— Palm Sunday, 9:30am  
 Thursday, April 2 — Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm  
 Friday, April 3 — Ecumenical Prayer Walk at Channahon UMC, 10:00am  
 Friday, April 3 — Good Friday, 7:00pm  
 Saturday, April 4 — Holy Saturday, 5:00pm  
 Sunday, April 5 — Easter Sunday, 9:30am



**Today, March 29th, at 12:30pm.**

**Join us for a fun-filled Easter celebration featuring:  
two egg hunts, crafts and games, and light refreshments.  
The Easter bunny will be here too!**



Our Soup Supper Sign-up sheet is now in the lobby.  
We hope to see everyone there!

Verse 3

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
 That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer,  
 the Lord of heaven our King.  
 O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
 and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN**

**PRAYING**

Lay Reader

[silent prayer for reflection]

*Call to Confession*

Reader: The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action. So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer:

*Prayer of Confession*

**Many Voices: Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.**

[silent prayer for reflection]

*Words of Forgiveness*

Reader: Found family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

**Many Voices: We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.  
What good, good news!**

Reader: Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us saying...  
[Lord's Prayer UM Hymnal #894]

Prayers adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

**\*SINGING** UM Hymnal #277  
"Tell me the Stories of Jesus"

Verse 1

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Verse 2

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face.

Verse 3

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

*For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections*

We took the kids to the beach,  
a herd of children lathered in sunscreen.  
We spent most of the day building sandcastles,  
swimming in the shallows,  
wiping sand off their eyelashes and noses.  
Things changed  
when a small fish washed up on shore.  
The children saw it first—  
a little body gasping to survive.  
They cried out—  
Quick! We have to save it!  
We grabbed our buckets.  
We sprinted to the waterline.  
We scooped up the dying fish  
and returned it to the waves.  
The kids sagged with relief as the fish jolted to life,  
a tiny resurrection in front of our very eyes.  
Full of pride, I said to them—  
You did something good.  
Today, you saved a life.  
A seven-year-old with sun-kissed cheeks  
took the bucket from my hands and said,  
I'd like to save some more.  
He spent the afternoon patrolling the waves,  
hoping to dole out mercy to any shore-washed fish.  
He carried his bucket around all day, because  
love inspires love.  
Love will make you want to  
patrol the shoreline,  
sing Hosanna,  
witness a resurrection,  
save some more—  
one bucket of water at a time.

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**BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER** Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Liberating King Jesus, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. We bring these gifts to offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Jesus and use us. Amen.**

**\*SINGING** Worship & Song #3126  
“Everything That Has Voice”

Verse 1

Everything that has voice, sing for peace, speak for peace,  
Given chance, given choice, work for peace, write for peace,  
Resonating everywhere, echoing our common care:  
Everything that has voice sing for peace!

Verse 2

All the world longs for peace, cries for peace, dies for peace,  
Let the children, every place, sleep in peace, grow in peace,  
Home and country safe to be where the Spirit rises free:  
All the world longs for peace cries for peace.

Verse 3

Everyone who has breath, you and I, passers by,  
Every tenant of the earth, plant for peace, gather peace,  
Cultivate a neighborhood cherishing our neighbor’s good:  
Everyone who has breath live in peace.

**\*SENDING FORTH** Pastor Dave  
**EXITING MUSIC**

**READING SCRIPTURE**

Philippians 2:5-11 (Common English Bible) Lay Reader  
Mark 11:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)  
Pastor Dave

*Philippians 2:5-11 - Lay Reader*

<sup>5</sup> Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:  
<sup>6</sup> Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.  
<sup>7</sup> But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Mark 11:1-11 - Pastor Dave*

**11** When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor Dave: Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth.

**Many Voices: We are listening, Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

**Jesus: Acting Hero**

**\*SINGING**

UM Hymnal #279

“Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)”

Verse 1

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng  
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.

There in the distance they begin to see,  
Riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Chorus

From every corner a thousand voices sing  
Praises to him who comes in the name of God.  
With one great shout of acclamation loud  
Triumphant song breaks forth:  
“Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”

Verse 2

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,  
We sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,  
To the living Savior who still calls today,  
Asking us to follow Him with love and faith.

Chorus Spanish

Mientras Mil voces resuenan por do quier;  
Hosanna al que vie-neen el nombre del Senor.  
Con un alien-to de gran exclamacion  
Pro-rrum pen con voz triunfall:  
“Hosanna! Hosanna al Rey!”  
“Hosanna! Hosanna al Rey!”

Chorus English

**GIVING**

Pastor Dave

