

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to sign the guest book in the front entryway. Restrooms are at the end of the hallways upstairs and downstairs. **Please join us for coffee hour** after the service in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

THE CHAPEL IN MINISTRY & MISSION

STUDENT APPRECIATION today during fellowship hour. We wish to extend our thanks to all IC student chorists, college, high school and elementary school students. Your enthusiastic participation in worship and fellowship is such a spiritual gift to all of us. ***Come for eats, real face time with young and old. Bring a friend!***

THE SIX-SERMON SERIES FOR LENT focuses our attention to **three social justice issues: racism, environmental justice, and the rights women have to not be exploited or abused** in workplace, school or home environments.

BEARING THE CROSS: Please bring your friends into the sanctuary for our guided **Lenten meditation on racial justice**, through the civil rights actions of Martin Luther King, Jr., and all who walked with him. **On Good Friday, the Chapel will be open from 11:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. *If you would like to be here to open the Chapel before 11:00, please see Pastor Robin.***

UNDIES FOR EASTER: Donate new children's socks (child's size S), or new boy's briefs or girl's underpants (sizes 4t, 4 or 6) for Pre-K students at Caroline, Beverly J. Martin, and Enfield elementary schools, as an offering towards the comfort and dignity for our young neighbors. ***A donation tub is in the foyer.***

Sawako Suzuki is making PANCAKE BREAKFASTS and SUPPERS for our movies during Lent as a way of raising funds for her summer relay run to benefit the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young People. ***Prepare to be fed!***

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY DISH-TO-PASS SUPPER, Thursday, April 26, 6:00 -8:00 here at the Chapel. Begun by members of Lansing United Methodist Church, Tikkun v'Or, and Moosalla Noor Islamic Community Outreach, this monthly meeting of great food, fellowship and conversation welcomes neighbors of all faiths, and those unaffiliated with a specific faith group. If able, bring a labeled vegetarian/dairy dish-to-pass. ***Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be in warm, lively conversation with friends of many faiths.***



Palm Sunday (probably), Khocho, Nestorian Temple wall painting, 683-770 (Ethnological Museum, Berlin)

FOREST HOME CHAPEL

PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018

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**Forest Home Chapel
United Methodist Church**

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

10 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Merilee Nord, Music Director

GATHERING HYMN #408 *The Gift of Love*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PLEASE GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*One of our goals at the Chapel is to help people experience a sense of belonging.
Please return to your seats as the music begins.*

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you.

Awaken us to the suffering of those around us as we watch Jesus arrive in the city, we ride alongside him and wonder, how can the hurts be soothed? Can you give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service?

In this moment of gathering we come to you, the Source
In this moment of gathering, we come to you and worship you for you are the love that leads the way! AMEN.

*HYMN #280 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality.

We know we have not earned this blessing, yet, in our repentance of sin this day, hear our prayer. We yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world, as though riding into town on a colt. And we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We gather because we are compelled to be in love with God; we call out to God because we have a collective voice of human experience that yearns for a Divine touch. God grants us mercy and in that divine touch, we are forgiven. In the name of the One who loved us first, **AMEN.**

ANTHEM

YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT *(Children come forward as we sing)*

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, Bread and Cup, Prayer and Song: this is where children belong.

After this time, children may go downstairs for Sunday School.

*HYMN #532 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-21, 26-29
Mark 11:1-11 Bill Tomek, Reader
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Love Leads the Way Rev. Dr. Robin Blair

HYMN RESPONSE #898 *Amen*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Following each, the pastor says: "Lord in your blessings."
The people respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

TIME OF SILENCE/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *(Our "Noisy Can" collects loose change for local food ministries.)*

*HYMN of PRAISE #94 / *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*You may stand