



RELATIONSHIP ROAD:

A Journey Through Lent

When Do We Ride?

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
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We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Larson
Bells of Glory

*Call to Worship

Leader: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we come to welcome the coming king.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: We receive the Savior into the crowded streets of our lives. He comes not just for us, but with love for everyone on the earth.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

We Praise God

Hymn #278

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Jeff Verry, Trumpet

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Worship Song

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Baloche

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem— singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Enduring Joy"

Dobrinski
Bells of Glory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord of all Life, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we welcome your Spirit among us. Bless these gifts so they may bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Hymn #2075

"King of Kings"

Jeff Verry, Trumpet

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

"Relationship Road: When Do We Ride?"

Pastor Lou

We Respond to the Word

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, holy is Your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Final Hymn #280

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Jeff Verry, Trumpet

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Hymn #278

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.

From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor 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.

"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!

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Hosanna, hosanna

Doxology for Lent

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

- O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

King of Kings

#2075

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
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Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymn # 280

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY April 13, 2025

10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
2:00 PM Travelogue – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY April 14, 2025

9:00 – 9:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center
9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
11:00 AM Reading the Bible – Ryder Lounge
1:00 PM Life After Loss – Ryder Lounge
1:30 – 5:30 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY April 15, 2025

8:30 AM ROMEOs – Russ'
9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
9:00 – 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
9:00 AM Organ Lessons – Choir Loft
9:00 – 4:00 PM Quilt Guild – Social Hall
11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
10:00 AM Altar'd – Room 2
6:00 PM Acrylics Too – Social Hall
6:30 PM Quilt Board -Room 4
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY April 16, 2025

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper – Wiltse Center
5:45 PM Meeting Jesus – Ryder Lounge
6:00 PM Knit & Crochet – Conference Room
6:00 PM Guitars - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY April 17, 2025

9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
10:30 AM Community Choir – Choir Room
11:00-3:00 PM Private lessons – Wiltse Center
11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
3:00 – 7:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary

FRIDAY April 18, 2025 – Office Closed

8:30 AM Bible for Men – Kenzie's Be Café
4:30 – 6:30 PM Set up for Saturday – Wiltse Center

SATURDAY April 19, 2025

9:30 – 11:00 AM Preschool Play Group – Wiltse Center

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

TRAVELOGUE PRESENTATION – TODAY, APRIL 13, 2:00 PM

The first Finishing Well Ministries' travelogue presentation will take place today at 2:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge (main floor). Light snacks will be provided.

DONATE TO GIVE AND GROW CAMPAIGN

Give and Grow, a donation project created by a student group at Grand Haven High School, will be collecting donations at Church of the Dunes between Sunday, April 13 – Sunday, April 27. The group is collecting non-perishable food, personal care, and household items. See their bulletin board in the weekday entrance for a list of most needed items.

APRIL SUPPORT GROUPS AT CHURCH OF THE DUNES

- **Grief Support Group** – Monday, April 14, 1:00 p.m., Ryder Lounge (main floor)
Led by Trinity Health – At Home hospice and bereavement professionals, meets 2nd Monday of the month.
- **Caregivers Support Group** – Monday, April 21, 1:00 p.m., Ryder Lounge (main floor)
Meets 3rd Monday of the month.

ROMEOS BREAKFAST – TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 8:30 AM, RUSS' RESTAURANT

Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOS) invites all men, retired or not, to meet up for breakfast on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., at Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven. This is a casual get-together for fellowship and conversation.

DUNESMEN MEAL AND MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 21, 6:00 PM

All men are invited for a meal, fellowship, and discussion at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21 in the Wiltse Center (main floor). Please let the meal hosts, Dan Starkey and Don Woodward, know if you will be attending. contact the church office for help in making the connection.

INQUIRER'S CLASS – SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

An inquirer's class is an opportunity to learn more about Church of the Dunes or consider becoming a member. While new members are always a blessing, participants are not obligated to join. New members will be received during worship in May. Sign up on the back of the attendance sheet, or by contacting the church office.

Please join us for worship during Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Communion, Taizé music

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae service, Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

*Chancel Choir, Bells of Glory, brass ensemble, timpani,
"Hallelujah Chorus" sing-along at the end of the service*

All are Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.

We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.

This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to the recorded livestream, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

Nursery - available during 9:30 a.m. worship

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Sunday School for Children - Hosanna classroom (Room 8), lower level

The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday School from worship after the Children's Time.

Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. - Wiltse Center fellowship area

Please stop by for fresh coffee and delicious refreshments.

Notes from the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment.

The bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays, and earlier on holiday weeks. Bulletin space is limited and often fills up well before the deadline. Early submissions are recommended.

Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. If you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit, please let us know. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

Praises and Prayers

The Sanctuary flowers this morning are given by Connie Dean in memory of her husband Earl.

Birthdays

April 14 Ryan Archer
April 16 Ann Antaya, Matthew Bauer
April 17 Larry Amstutz
April 18 Carol Leinonen
April 19 Lee Haskins, Katja Mestrom
April 20 Nancy Parsons

Giving

<u>Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
April 6	\$14,704	\$9,514	\$8,830	106.9

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>x 1.5</u>	<u>Total</u>
4-6	134	104	156	290

Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Kay Cansfield
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Bells of Glory; Marna Jeffery; Jeff Verry, trumpet
Technology: Don Woodward, Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Doug & Susan Thorpe
Welcome Center: Vicki Reis
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Ron & Tim Kurburski, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: Mike & Suzanne Moynihan, Sherry Baker

Next Week – April 20

Liturgist: Bruce Bishop
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Bells of Glory, Brass Ensemble, Timpani
Technology: David Norton, ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeters: Tom & Diane Gordon
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Neal Miller, Pam & Dale Zurakowski
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love.
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples.
- share the Good News.
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God.



Church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cellphone at 231-883-9806.