

THE COMMUNICATOR

March 24, 2024

COUNTING THE COST OF
FOLLOWING JESUS

Everything But That...



Week 6



9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Closing Hymn	“What Wondrous Love Is This”	UMH 292 vs. 1-3
Benediction		Pastor Marie Smith
Postlude	“Fugue in G Minor from Well-Tempered Clavier Book 2”	

By: Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Kim

Counting the Cost of Following Jesus: Everything But, This or That

Rev Marie Smith

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The bucket of things in front of us, literal or figurative,
is too overwhelming.

Luke 18: 18a “A certain ruler... “

This man went to Jesus wanting justification for himself.

Matthew 19: 16b “What good deed must I do for eternal life?”

Jesus knows our hearts and what gets in our way to committing fully to him.

**Deut. 6:5& Lev. 19: 28 “Love the Lord you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your mind, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

What about us, do we have a list we check off?

What sin separates us from God? From someone else?

This call of discipleship to Jesus is not for the faint of heart.

As we step into Holy Week, how will you spend it?

Action Steps:

1. Make a commitment to prayer, fasting, worship and service sometime this Holy Week.
2. Join us for one of the Holy Week Activities this week.
3. Take an inventory of what keeps you from saying yes.
4. Who are you bringing to worship next week for Easter Sunday?



Sunday, March 24, 2024



10:30 a.m. – Contemporary Service

Palm Sunday

Welcome **Levi Graf**

Opening Song **“Blessed Be The Name“**
“Rest On Us” **Levi Graf**
“How Great Is Our God”

Announcements/Offering
Offering Prayer
Offertory Song **“Only Jesus For My Pain”** **Levi Graf**

Scripture **Matthew 19:19-26**

Sermon **“Everything But That...”** **Pastor Marie Smith**

Prayer of Confession

Lighting of Candles

During the last song, we invite you to light a candle. It may be for someone else, or a situation you are going through. This is your time to connect with Jesus, and allow the Light of Christ to illuminate your life.

Closing Song **“Do It Again”** **Levi Graf**

Sending Out/Benediction **Pastor Marie Smith**

For more information on programs offered at the church please contact:

- **Worship Services – Office 740.474.4796**
- **Children's Sunday School & Nursery – 740.474.4796**
- **Sermon Chat – Linda Kennedy – 740-248-3357**
- **Dimensions for Living Class – John Wysong – 740-601-3673**
- **The Explorers – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796**
- **Community Life – Mark Denniston 740.474.4796**
- **Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study – 740.474.4796**

Other programs:

Community Care Ministry – 740.474.4796

The Corner Closet – 740.474.4796

Bell Choir – Lora Arledge – 740.412.0702

Church Choir – Alice Chester – 740.474.4796

Saturday Morning Men's Group – Larry Harris – 740.601.7769

Girl Scouts – Office 740.474.4796

Scouts – Robert Fanska-850.529.6724 or Joe McNemar-614.580.8074

Narcotics Anonymous – 740.474.4796

Quilters Group – Pam Patrick 740.412.7642

Plant-Based Meals – Ruth Wilson 740.474.7019

Joy Group – Linda Kennedy 740.248.3357

Christian Counseling – Dr. Nina Helene 614.906.6609

Self Defense – Rick Seeds 740.497.3695

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Prayer List for Mar. 21, 2024

**Barb Bigam
Pam Phipps
Dan Fouts
Neal Wolfe
Joy Brooks
Diane Cooke
Mary Ann Janes
Scarlett Hedrick
Mary Harrison-Reed**

**Wendy Crow & Family
Bob Valentine
Rachel, Jason, Kelli, Clint, Cody
Katrina Kruger
Tammy – daughter of Carol Boltz
Rhonda Romain
Paula Sullivan**

Friends who worship online! We are excited for all those who are worshipping online with us to have a new way for you to interact with us. We have your own pew pad! We have a QR code or link you can use that will take you to a form to fill out that lets us know you are worshipping with us. Please take a minute during the service to fill it out.



Week of March 24, 2024



Mar. 24	9:00 a	Traditional Service – Palm Sunday
	10:30 a	Contemporary Service – Palm Sunday
	10:00 a	Children's Sunday School – Children's Parade
	11:30 a	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 a	Sermon Chat Class – 207
	11:30 a	The Explorers –301
	11:30 a	Dimensions for Living Class – 203

Mar. 25	10:00 a	Staff Meeting – Media Center
	6:00 p	Self Defense Class – FHS
	6:30 p	Monday Night Bible Study
	7:00 p	Young Men's Bible Study - Library
	7:00 p	Scouts – Youth Center

Mar. 26	9:30 a	Quilters – FHN
	1:00 p	Joy Group – Media Center
	7:00 p	Council Meeting - 301

Mar. 27	12:00 p	Narcotics Anonymous - 302
	6:00 p	Bells Rehearsal

Mar. 28	Noon	Mom's Group - Nursery
Maundy Thursday	4:30 p	Girl Scouts #8793 - FHN
	6:00 p	Bells Rehearsal
	6:00 p	Self Defense Class – FHS
	7:00 p	Maundy Thursday Services - CUMC



Mar. 29		OFFICE CLOSED
	Noon	Stations of the Cross – Courthouse
	7:30 p	Good Friday Service – Trinity Lutheran



Mar. 30	9:00 a	Men's Morning Fellowship – FHN
	9:30 -11:00 a	Easter Bunny at Selfie Station – North Lawn

Compassion Needs: cookie cutters, inexpensive vehicles (\$500-\$1500), electric stove, toilet paper & paper towels, lamp, end tables, coffee table, sofa, twin bed, dresser, washer & dryer, any size bed

PLEASE NOTE: Last minute change from Trinity: Good Friday Service at Trinity Lutheran will be at 7:30 pm on March 29th.



EASTER *Your Easter Lily order form is due this Monday 25th. Flowers are \$13.00 per this year. The flowers will be displayed on the Easter Lily cross in the sanctuary and available to take home after the 9:00 Easter service on March 31.*



This is the last week to donate seed packets for the Jackson Area Ministries Seed Project. There is a basket in the Welcome Center for donations. Thank you.



The Easter Bunny is coming to CUMC this Saturday, March 30th from 9:30-11:00 by the selfie station on the church's north lawn along with face painting. Spread the word. Come join the fun and get your picture taken with this very special guest.



If you would like to order a lily/lilies for Easter, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. **The cost will be \$13.00 per flower and this amount must accompany your order.**

If you would like to have someone listed 'In Memory of' or 'In Honor of' please complete the sections below as you want it to appear in the bulletin.

Orders must be turned in by Monday, March 25, 2024.

Given by:

In Memory of:

In Honor of: _____

No Flower: _____ (No \$ needed.) Be sure to complete the information above.

Purchased # flowers _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check _____ Check # _____

Cash _____