



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM
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FROM REV JENNI'S DESK



Hello all,

Thanks to everyone who was able to stay for one or both intercultural workshops over last weekend! It was enriching, it was powerful and it was needed. Emo and Adele were so glad to be with us! Please stay tuned for more information on further learnings in the next eight Months.

Please see the list of activities that are happening for Holy Week, which starts on Sunday.

Continued Lenten blessings and blessings for Holy Week,
Jenni

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AND WORSHIP EVENTS:

March 29th - Palm/Passion Sunday plus Pastoral Care flowers to be delivered (volunteers needed to deliver)

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday - Soup dinner at the church 5:30pm, Service at 7 in the sanctuary

April 3rd - Good Friday - 10am service in the sanctuary and lunch after at Local Heroes (please see more info below)

April 5th - Easter Sunday - 10am service

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH
— EASTER CELEBRATION —

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4 given*

March 29, 2026 - *Palm Sunday 10am*

Thursday, April 2nd - *Maundy Thursday*
Dinner @ 5:30pm | Service @ 7pm

April 3rd - *Good Friday 10am*

April 5th - *Easter Sunday 10am*

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You are warmly invited to all Lent and Easter Sunday worship services and events.

March 29, 2026 –

Palm/Passion Sunday and Coffee Time 10 a.m.

plus, Pastoral Care flowers to be delivered (volunteers needed to deliver)

Speak to Gavan Quinn if you want to borrow a copy of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus

Maundy Thursday April 2, 2026 -

Soup dinner at the church 5:30 p.m., Service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

Good Friday April 3, 2026 –

10am Service in the sanctuary at KUC followed by Lunch after at Local Heroes restaurant (please see more information below)

April 5, 2026 –

Easter Sunday and Communion Service - 10am. The choir and congregation will be singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH April 3, 2026

You are warmly invited to our Annual Lunch following the Good Friday Service.

Date: Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Time: 11:30 am

Venue: Local Heroes

1400 Clyde Ave, Bleeker Mall (Clyde & Merivale)

This is a long-standing tradition in our church, and we are delighted to be gathering once again—now in our **third year** hosting the lunch in our own reserved room at Local Heroes.

The lunch is open to all members of our congregation. We look forward to a time of fellowship and connection.

Reservation Name: Pete MacEwen

We hope to see you there!

PALM SUNDAY – PASTORAL CARE EASTER PLANTS

Celebrate the spirit of Easter by sharing a simple act of kindness.

Pastoral Care Easter plants will be available in the hall after church on Palm Sunday. We warmly encourage you to pick up a plant or two and deliver them to individuals on our pastoral care list - your gesture can brighten someone's day more than you know.

Thank you for helping us spread joy, care, and connection this season.

*WHERE HOPE ROSE BEFORE THE SUN * REV DANIEL ADDAI FOBI

There are moments in life when everything feels finished.

Dreams fall apart. Strength runs out. The heart grows quietly. We carry wounds we do not speak about, and sometimes even our faith feels tired. We look at our lives and whisper, this is too much, this is the end.

Easter begins in that place.

It begins in silence. In loss. In a world that thought hope had died on a cross.

One cross. Three nails. A broken body.

It looked like defeat. It felt like the end of the story.

But God was not finished.

What people saw as an ending, God was already turning into a beginning.
What looked like loss became the doorway to life. What felt like darkness became the place where light was quietly rising.

This is the mystery of Easter.

Love refused to stay buried.

Jesus did not rise because the world was kind. He rose in the middle of pain, betrayal, and suffering. And that means something for us. It means that no matter how heavy life feels, no matter how deep the wound is, there is still a future that God is preparing.

Easter tells us that broken things are not thrown away. They are restored.

It tells us that tears are not wasted. They are seen.

It tells us that even when we feel forgotten, we are still held.

There are people carrying quiet pain right now. Some are tired of trying. Some are healing from things no one knows. Some are searching for a reason to keep going.

Easter speaks gently into those lives.

It says, you are not alone.

It says, this is not the end.

It says, life can rise again.

Healing does not always come suddenly. Sometimes it comes slowly, like the morning light that does not rush but still fills the sky. Sometimes it comes in small moments, in quiet strength, in the courage to take one more step.

But it comes.

Because the same power that raised Jesus from the grave is still at work. It is still breathing life into tired hearts. It is still bringing hope into places that feel empty.

Easter is not just a story from long ago. It is a living promise.

A promise that love is stronger than pain.

A promise that light will return.

A promise that no life is beyond healing.

So, wherever you are right now, whether you come with joy or with questions, with faith or with doubt, you are welcome.

Come as you are.

Come with your whole story.

Come to 630 Islands Park Drive where your seat is already waiting for you.

Come and remember that love did not end at the cross.

It rose.

And it is still rising!!!

UCW – WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

Join us for an engaging and practical session as we welcome **Martha Tobin**, owner of **DeClutter4Good**.

Martha will share helpful decluttering tips and tricks, explore the benefits of downsizing, and offer guidance on what to do with items you no longer need. Her organization is known for its “*Donations That Do Good*” program, ensuring that gently used items find their way to individuals and families in need within the community.

This is a perfect opportunity as we enter the spring-cleaning season—and begin thinking about contributions for the upcoming rummage sale.

✦ Everyone is welcome—bring a friend along! ✦

RUMMAGE SALE – TREASURE HUNT TIME!!!

Get ready for a fun treasure hunt at our upcoming **Rummage Sale!** You never know what you might discover—clothing, books, household items, hidden gems, and plenty of surprises.

Bring a friend, browse the tables, and enjoy the excitement of finding something special at a great price. Every purchase helps support our church community, so come shop, laugh, and connect with others.

Who knows? Your next favorite find might be waiting for you!

Save the Date: **April 17, 7 pm – 9pm and April 18, 9 am – noon 2026**

Venue: Kitchissippi United Church Hall

KEEP LEARNING: EXPLORE OUR BOOKSHELF

Although Black History Month has ended, we continue to honor the achievements of leaders, pioneers, and trailblazers who inspire us every day. To keep the learning going, our church library is offering a selection of books for members to explore.

There are different books available on the bookshelf in the sanctuary, covering a variety of topics and stories. Members are encouraged to pick a book to read and return it within two weeks so others can enjoy it as well.

Let's keep celebrating, learning, and sharing the stories that shape our community!

SCENT FREE SPACE



We have recently found out that one of our new members has severe asthma and can not tolerate strong scents and perfumes. Please refrain from using this product when attending church services and events. Thank you!

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