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This Upcoming Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

Inside service, please wear a mask and
follow Order of Worship guidelines.

10:30 a.m. Service

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Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Jack Flemming

Prayer Leader: David Burton

Eucharistic Minister: Lynn Graham

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham

LESSONS for the Fifth Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8.

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Friday Reflection



“I got you.” “I know.”

When Love Showed Up at the 2022 Oscars

I woke on Monday morning, my day off, to find my social media feed flooded with shock, anger, and confusion about one actor humiliating another with a slap on the face and then cursing angrily from his seat.

My reaction was and is the sorrow that is all too familiar these days. This is far from the only act of aggression that has happened in public since the latest change in the status of the pandemic. It just happened to be witnessed by millions of people. Such acts are to be expected

when we as a society refuse to acknowledge the reality brought to light during the pandemic and instead force a return to the “way things were” by calling “normal” what clearly never was healthy or good.

But there was another moment at the Oscars that was completely different. It was a little glimpse of what can happen when we acknowledge reality with tenderness and care, respecting each other for what and who we are, not only what we’ve been.

Two women took to the stage to present the Oscar for best picture. Lady Gaga and Liza Minnelli, in a wheelchair, who was celebrating 50 years since *Cabaret* premiered. Minnelli was given a standing ovation. Lady Gaga let her have that applause, seemingly delighted in the moment with her. She assured Minnelli, who we saw get a bit confused at times, that she was loved and respected by her peers. At one point, to reassure her, Lady Gaga said to Liza, “I got you.” And showing beautiful trust, Liza said, “I know.” And she did. They shared the moment and attention; even announced the winner together.

I wish that was what people were buzzing about the day after the Oscars. One person stepping back to make room for another out of respect. No one pretended everything was the way it used to be. No one tried to force Liza Minnelli to jump out of her chair and sing and dance or tell a funny story, like in the past. Everyone simply loved her, accepted what is, and supported her as she is, in that moment. It was beautiful. It was respect that lifted up both women and lifted up the event, as can be expected when we love each other the way God loves us through Jesus Christ.

How much more beautiful would our world be if we all could do the same for each other every day.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

** Lady Gaga is the one standing. Liza Minnelli is seated.

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 6, 12:15 p.m. - - Noontime organ recital during Lent

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist, Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's

Wednesday, April 13, 12:15 p.m. - - Noontime organ recital during Lent

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 p.m. - - Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. - - Good Friday

Saturday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. - - Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist, Discretionary Sunday

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting, ZOOM

Sunday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's

CrossRoads Café is open on Sundays after church.

Notes & Announcements

Tuesday's Prayer Vigil for Ukraine.

The weather was certainly on the nippy windy side for the prayer Vigil for Ukraine. Despite that there was a pretty good crowd. Below, in case you do not recognize her under all those colorful layers is our very own on and only rector, The Rev, Deborah Woolsey who welcomes everyone and opens the prayer service.



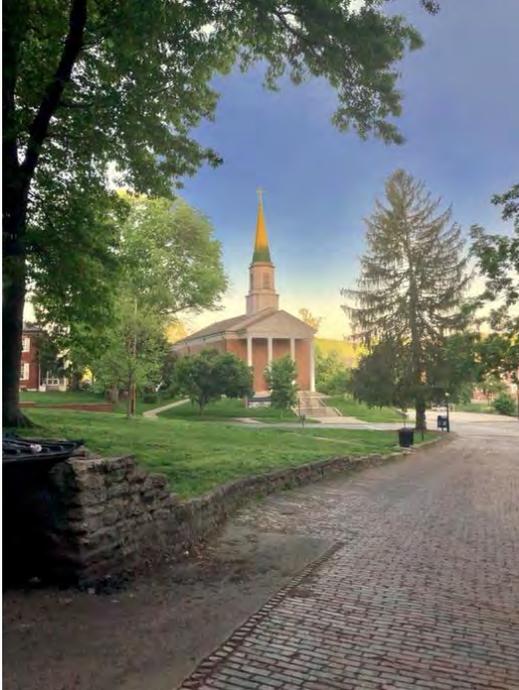


Above Gregory Proctor leads the litany and sings in Ukrainian a Ukrainian hymn of supplication. And below Anne Walker leads some readings..



Noontime organ recitals during Lent 12:15

Members of the Southeast Ohio chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a series of Lenten Organ Recitals on **Wednesdays at 12:15** beginning March 16



and ending on April 13.

Remaining dates:

Wednesday, April 6 Kathleen Jonas
Wednesday, April 13 Marsha Reilly

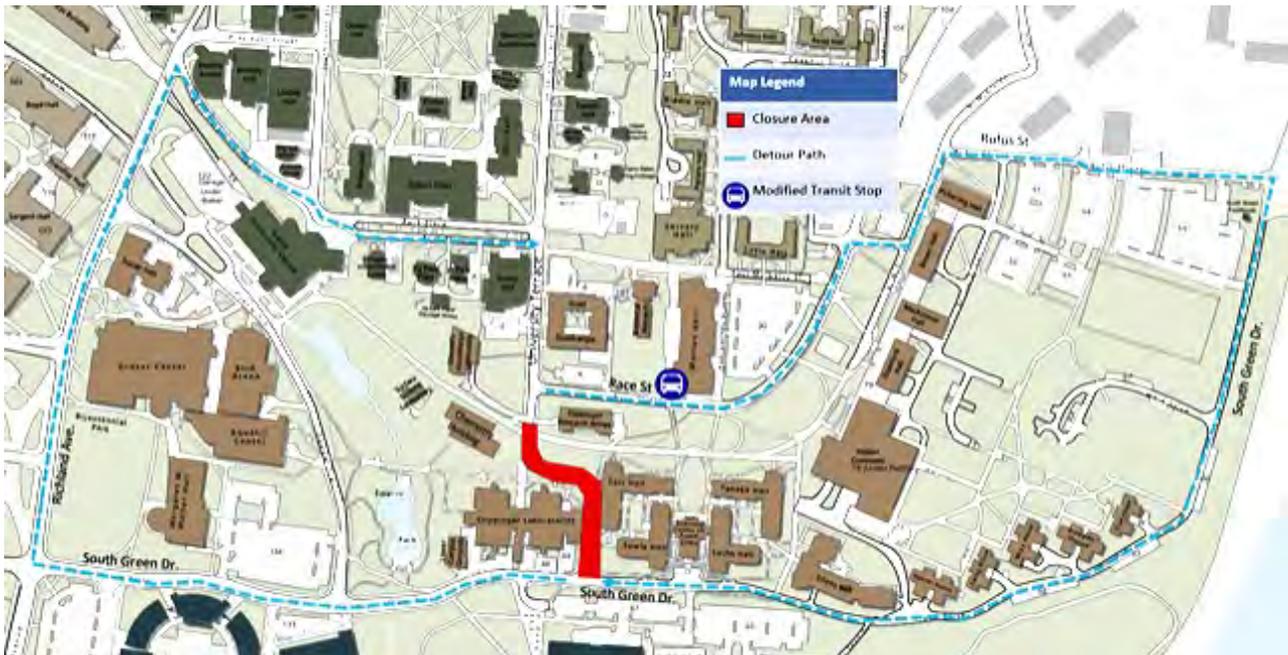
The programs are at Good Shepherd, free and open to the public. Current masking and social distancing will be required.

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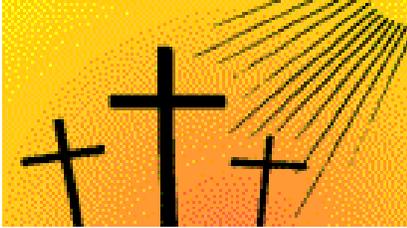
A week of detours.



Effective Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5AM the office of Design & Construction announces the closure of a portion of University Terrace between Race Street and South Green Drive for crane work in the area. This is scheduled to be a 5 day closure, with the roadway reopening by Friday, April 8th, 2022, at 6PM.



Holy Week at the Church of the Good Shepherd



We are grateful to be returning to in-person services for Holy Week this year. We invite you to join us for the tradition of observing these days honoring Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Jesus' Crucifixion, and hope of salvation. Since it has been a while since we have gathered for these traditional

liturgies, we are shortening them, allowing us to focus on their core theology while maintaining their beauty and tradition.

Palm Sunday 10:30 am April 10

The service starts outside with the blessing of palm branches to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm April 14

This service will focus on the Last Supper and stripping of the altar. We will return to celebrating the Eucharist with both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ at this service.

Good Friday 7:00 pm April 15

The Stations of the Cross service will feature music and art from artists like the Rev. Karl Stevens and iconographer Kelly Latimore. No walking involved. Music will help us transition between stations.

Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 pm April 16

What do people of faith do in dark times? We do what we have been doing for thousands of years: we light candles, tell our story of salvation, and pray. This year the service will be shorter and includes lighting of the fire and paschal candle, the Exultet, three Old Testament Lessons and the Gospel, and Holy Eucharist in both kinds.

Mother Deborah will give the for this year's Workers

Memorial Day Remembrance,

**Thursday April 28, 2022 12 noon at the
Workers Memorial Mural, 11 N. Court St.**

Please Join us. A box lunch will be provided.

Contacts & Information

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-

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To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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**Office Hours: 10:00
a.m.– 2:00 p.m.,
Monday through
Thursday.**

**The Diocese COVID
Guidelines request
all persons wear masks
inside the church
building regardless of
vaccination status.**
