



# *Hosanna! Our Redeemer*

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, 9:30 AM**  
**SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER**

**BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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...a multigenerational congregation filled with the joy of faith, hospitality towards everyone and hope for the future. We believe God's grace is a gift to everyone, making every person a beloved individual & child of God worthy of love, respect & blessing.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME

Rev. David Aslesen

PRELUDE

“Ride on King Jesus,” Mary LeCuyer and Sam Wyatt

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Justin Masterman, Liturgist

One: The Redeemer is coming!

**All: Jesus is on the way! Hosanna!**

All: From the mountainside and the seaside,  
from the wilderness to the Holy City

**All: Jesus is on the way! Hosanna!**

One: Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travellers,  
with the expectation of salvation?

**All: Jesus is on the way! Hosanna!**



\* PROCLAMATION OF CELEBRATION

*Let us enter Jerusalem and sing “Hosannas” to Christ Jesus our Redeemer and Savior!  
Open your hearts to the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY

The streets were crowded. A parade mood filled the air. Shouts came from deep in the heart: "Hosanna. Save us." Must it remain an ancient appeal? Who among us isn't in need of saving today?

Save us, O Lord, from anything located in our living resembling lukewarm faith or callous indifference, paltry hopes, petty dreams. Save your people from unquenchable greed, warmongering, oppression, injustice. Save our souls from any soft-mindedness, hard-heartedness, stubbornness and shame.

**May your saving grace find its location in every heart.**

\* SILENT CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:14-29, Hymnal 839

ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb of God," G.F. Handel, Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayers**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

\* GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11, New Testament, pg. 23

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"There's One in Every Crowd"

Rev. Christian Coon

Rev. Coon serves as the Northern Illinois Conference Director of Congregational Development. He has served congregations in Riverside, Deerfield and Chicago where he was co-founder of Urban Village Church. Ordained in 1997, Christian holds degrees from Simpson College, the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Rev. Coon is an author, coach and consultant to several church planters in the UMC connection.

## INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Offertory, "Were You There," M. Hogan, Laura Johnson

Doxology, #70, "Gloria Patri"

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

- \* Prayer of Dedication
  
- \* HYMN 285 "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord"
  
- \* PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK
  
- \* POSTLUDE

Sam Wyatt

*Join together for fellowship and refreshments in Baker Hall.*

### **HOLY WEEK: MARCH 29-APRIL 5**

- Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. | Lord's Last Supper with Taize Music
- Good Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. | From Gethsemane to Golgotha
- Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 & 11 a.m. | Eden in Easter Bloom!

#### **BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor: Rev. David P. Aslesen, Dir. of Music Ministries: Jeff Hunt, Dir. of Children & Family Ministries: Shelly Stienbarger, Dir. of Administration & Finance: Steven Wilhelm, Maintenance Manager: Karl Lescelius, Creative Dir.: Michele Claney, Organist: Stephen Uhl, Dir. of Children's Music: Kathy Olivarez, Pianist: Sam Wyatt, Treasurer: Lita Jimenez, Wedding Coordinator: Judy Schlarb, Organist Emeritus: Mark Edwards.



#### **FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

Speak with our pastor or staff. Call 630.584.6680;  
[info@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:info@bakermemorialchurch.org).

Go to [www.bakermemorialchurch.org](http://www.bakermemorialchurch.org) and check us out on YouTube, Facebook & Instagram. Traveling? Worship Online!

# This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SUNDAY, March 29

- 9:30am Palm Sunday Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*

## TUESDAY, March 31

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

## WEDNESDAY, April 1

- 11:30am UWF Board Meeting
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

## THURSDAY, April 2

- 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

## FRIDAY, April 3

- 9am Road to Easter
- 7pm Good Friday Worship

## SUNDAY, April 5

- 9:30am Easter Worship
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*

## MONDAY, April 6

- Office Closed/Easter Monday



## HOLY WEEK: Between Eden & Easter

**Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 am:** Guest Preacher: Rev. Christian Coon, NIC Director of Congregational Development

**Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm:** Service of the Lord's Last Supper with Taize Music & Holy Communion

**Road to Easter, Friday, April 3 at 9 am:** All Families Event w/Lunch Sign up on the app or website

**Good Friday, April 3 at 7 pm:** "From Gethsemane to Golgotha"

**Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 & 11 am**  
"Eden in Easter Bloom!", with Holy Communion



## Neurodiversity God's Good Design

This class is designed to introduce people to the topic of neurodiversity, specifically autism and ADHD.

Learn about different conditions, how God uses these gifts, see how we can help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

GET INFO & SIGN UP ON APP OR WEBSITE



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UW Faith Sunday

April 12 Worship led by UWF  
With special guest Erica McIntosh  
preaching on the theme of hope

## UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AT BAKER CHURCH

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app  
and at BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening.

Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



### **WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:**

Greeters: Allan & Jayne Scales; Ushers: Greg Pratt, Jane Fanslow, John Stumpf, Sarah Hardwick;  
Livestream Tech: Rob Hale; Liturgist: Justin Masterman

### **ROAD TO EASTER, GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 9-11:30 AM**

This intergenerational experience walks your family through Holy Week and the Resurrection via themed stations featuring science, crafts, music, games, and story time, followed by an egg hunt and a walking taco lunch. The cost is \$5 per person. Register now using the church app or website.

### **ONE O'CLOCK BOOK GROUP, APRIL 6, 1 PM**

The group meets monthly on first Mondays in the parlor. All are welcome to join in this reading fellowship. The book for April is *Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict. For more info, contact Shelley Campbell at [sscbooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sscbooks@sbcglobal.net).

### **NEW CLASS: NEURODIVERSITY: GOD'S GOOD DESIGN**

Sunday April 12, 19, 26 @ 10:45 AM & Saturday May 2 time TBD. All are welcome to join this intergenerational class, led by church member and seminarian Mandy Hale, which introduces neurodiversity (autism spectrum, ADHD) and the church's witness of inclusion. Register via the church app or website by Monday, April 6. See Mandy to help & for more info.

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Erica McIntosh, a certified lay speaker and Chair of Stewardship and Finance at St. Andrew UMC in Carol Stream, will be preaching. The theme for the service is Hope. The UWF will lead, sing, and serve throughout this special service.

### **SUNDAY FUNDAY, APRIL 19 10:30 AM**

The theme this month is Super Hero! Who is your favorite super hero? Come to Baker Hall and see Bible hero's projects that the Sunday School kids made.

### **BAKER CONCERT SERIES: SPRING AWAKENINGS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 3-4 PM**

The Northside Brass Quintet will perform "Spring Awakenings" at Baker Memorial Church. This uplifting April concert features vibrant brass music by Paul Dukas, Duke Ellington, and John Calvert that "celebrates the energy and renewal of the season." To reserve your tickets, go to <https://www.northsidebrass.com/public-concerts>. Tickets will be available on the day of the performance. Concert series info at [bakermemorialchurch.org](http://bakermemorialchurch.org).

### **NIL FOOD BANK GANG, APRIL 20, 9 AM**

Join the Illinois Food Bank gang! A team of volunteers heads to the NIL Food Bank every month. Our shift runs from 9 a.m. until Noon. Want more information? Contact Betty Erickson [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com).

### **SAVE THE DATE: VBS @ BAKER MEMORIAL, JUNE 22-25.**

Children and youth in pre-K through 8th grade are invited to **CAMP HOPE** Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25, mornings from 9-11 AM. Come to learn about the seed of hope growing in our hearts to share with the world! Music, art, science and other fun activities will be part of the camp! Kickoff on June 21 with Sunday celebration worship on June 28!



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