

A Note From the Pastor

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I can't believe that the season of Lent is already coming to a close. We are now at the threshold of Holy Week, which is considered the most sacred and profound time in the Christian year. This is not simply another week on the calendar. It is a journey into the heart of our faith, a time when the story of Christ's love, death, and resurrection unfolds in its fullness.

Holy Week invites all of us to move beyond routine and enter into a deeper rhythm of worship, reflection, and renewal. I strongly encourage to take part in the traditions of this week. From Palm Sunday's cries of "Hosanna," through the solemn remembrance of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, to the sorrow and gravity of Good Friday (my personal favorite), and finally to the joy of Easter morning, each service carries a unique and essential part of the story. When experienced together, these moments shape and strengthen faith in ways that cannot be replicated by attending only one service in isolation.

Participation in Holy Week services is important not because of obligation, but because of formation and profound spirituality. These gatherings provide space to remember, to grieve, to hope, and to rejoice as a community. They are a wonderful way for us to build community and experience the full story. They help individuals and families reconnect with the depth of God's grace and the reality of Christ's journey to the cross. In the Methodist tradition, worship is a means of grace, an encounter through which God is actively at work in hearts and lives. Holy Week, in particular, offers a powerful opportunity to be shaped by that grace.

You are invited to participate as fully as possible in the services of Holy Week. Whether through worship, prayer, music, or quiet reflection, each act of presence matters. It is not about perfect attendance, but about opening oneself to the movement of the Spirit and the story that continues to shape the people of God.

May this truly be a Holy Week for us all.