



Pinelands United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! God shows compassion by putting things right.

People: We are blessed by God to be Jesus' hands and feet – feeding, giving, visiting, clothing, sheltering.

Leader: When did we feed Jesus, give Jesus a drink, clothe Jesus, and give him a place to stay?

People: Feeding the hungry, caring for the suffering, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison – whatever we did for one of the least of these, we did for Jesus.

Leader: God holds compassion and justice together! Our love for God is shown by how we love and treat the stranger.

People: Praise the Lord! Jesus has freed us from sin to love and serve.

Gathering Hymn #292 "What Wondrous Love is This"



Opening Prayer

Righteous and compassionate God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. May we reflect Jesus' righteousness in our lives by acting fairly and justly to everyone with whom we interact. May our we be living vessels of honor and evidence that Christ lives in us. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:29-32

❖ Hymn of Preparation

#428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:34-40

Sermon

The Cup of Compassion

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #295 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

❖ Benediction

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.
 God keep and protect you by day and by night.
 Let love, understanding be yours evermore.
 God's grace be with you forever more.



KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

Kathy Simpkins
 Barbara Kurowski
 Linda Hirst
 Linda Green
 Dave Dixon
 Marge Clifton
 Tom Rheault
 Anna Walker
 Denny & Joy O'Shaughnessy
 Jerry
 Sandra Allebach
 Brian Plasket
 Robin Green
 Paul Cowan
 Stephen Lister
 Ciara McCarthy Burke
 Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)
 Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)
 Max Lister (US Army)
 Kathy Clark

Frances Ernwood
 Wilma Brown
 Mary Jo Sheridan
 Sean Plasket
 McCartney Family
 Barbara Ford
 Margie Cochran
 David & Emily Elkin
 Denise
 Larry Acker
 Evelyn Roland
 John Allebach Sr
 Nicholas Cellini
 Lou Massey
 Melodee Ashby
 Courtney Warner
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
 Riley James (US Marines)
 Robert S.
 Little Jack



CHURCH NEWS

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PALM SUNDAY

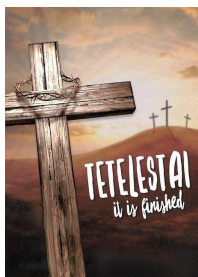
Next Sunday, March 24th, join us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal arrival into Jerusalem. We will celebrate with the blessing and distribution of palm branches. You will be able to join us at **Batsto 9:00 am or Green Bank 10:30 am**. Please be sure to take an extra palm or two for a loved one that was unable to join us in person.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Plan to join us for a traditional Holy Thursday worship service in our **Batsto Church Building at 7:00 pm**. Communion will be served as we reflect with a traditional Tenebrae style service.





GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us for a Traditional Community Good Friday Service and hear the parts of the Passion Story as told in 7 perspectives! Gathering at Tansboro Trinity UMC in Atco. Worship begins at 12:00 Noon. GPS: 438 Tansboro Road, Route 561, Atco , NJ, 08004

SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on **EASTER SUNDAY** at 6:30 am near the 3 Crosses in our **BATSTO CHURCH PARKING LOT** as we gather for a **SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE**. We will have a light **POTLUCK BREAKFAST** after the worship service. Please bring something to share; if you are able.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Please plan to join us for one of our Easter Worship Opportunities on **Sunday, March 31st**. We will gather at our Batsto Church location near the three crosses for an **Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am**. A **potluck breakfast** is planned for after worship please bring a dish to share. Family worship in our **Batsto Church Building will begin at 9:00 am**

followed by another family worship in our **Green Bank Church Building at 10:30 am**.



JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH PINELANDS UMC

February 14	Ash Wednesday Ashes & Hearts	9:00 am - 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Batsto Green Bank
February 18	The Broken Cup	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
February 21	Prayer <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
February 25	The Cup of Living Water	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
February 28	Fasting <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 3	The Cup You Choose	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 6	Service <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 10	The Cup of Discipleship	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 13	Study <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 17	The Cup of Compassion	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 20	Worship <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 24	Palm Sunday From Empty to Overflowing	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 27	Celebration <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 am - 8:30 am	Atco UMC
March 28	Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	Batsto
March 29	Good Friday	Noon	Tansboro Trinity UMC
March 31	Easter Sunday The Cup that Never Runs Dry	6:30 am Sunrise 9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Batsto Green Bank