

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HOHENWALD

Pastor: Tom Gibson



## CHURCH CONTACT INFO

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## Worship Hours

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Moring Service 10:30 a.m.  
UMYF/Children 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
with choir practice afterwards  
from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.



## From the Pastor's Desk

### Quarantine as Exile

#### Psalm 126 ;1-3 (NKJV)

**126** When the LORD brought back <sup>1a</sup>the captivity of Zion,  
We were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
And our tongue with singing.

Then they said among the <sup>1b</sup>nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
*And* we are glad.

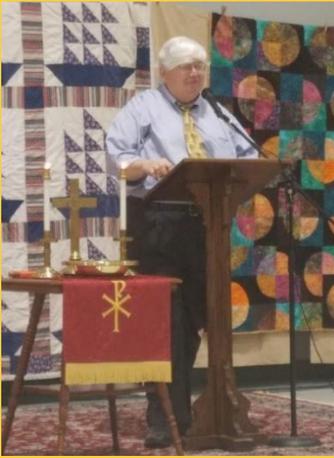
I have heard it said, and said it myself, that these weeks, now turned to months of quarantined shutdown have felt a bit like the exile the Jews felt when carried away from the home ground of their faith gatherings, the Temple in Jerusalem. The Lamentations of Jeremiah express that sense of loss and loneliness well. Some of the psalms, too.

But some innovations to their religion developed in Babylon. The synagogue, a small house gathering for the reading of, and reflection on the scriptures became their regular weekly gathering. When the remnant returned to Israel, the practice continued at home, even after the temple was restored. And the many who did not return, but stayed in Babylon, continued the practice. Some suggest that when wise men came “from the East” to visit Jesus at birth, it was because the words of the prophets were still current reading material in that foreign land.

## Worshipping a “little different”

Although our worship looks a little different these days, one thing that stays the same is God and His love for us. This we can always be sure of, even (especially) during uncertain and changing times.

Here are a few pictures from our worship Sunday in the CLC.



## From the Pastor’s Desk Continued

When we restore sanctuary worship (soon, we hope) what practices of faith developed in quarantine will you keep? How will you keep the faith alive beyond those gathered in together? Will we disappear back within our sacred walls, or will we live in new ways that help the bigger world to say, “The Lord has done great things for them!” Will we exclaim along with them, Yes, indeed! God has carried us through, and we are glad!”

With all the turmoil and worries alive in the world today, our visible gladness is more of an evangelistic tool than you might imagine. Being glad in the Lord, and naming the source of our joy, is a testimony that shines like the rising sun after a long dark night. Let us go forth into the weary world, with laughter and singing, a noticeable gladness in Christ.

Peace, Tom

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*Wear your masks until you have gone through the cleaning station and taken your seat for worship. Please put masks back on to leave the worship as we will be close to each other.*

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Here are a few ways some of our members continued worshiping and serving at home while church doors were closed due to covid:

### The Spitzer's



### The Thompson's

# Holy Week

## Jesus's Journey and Our Redemption

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| <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> • Mark 11:1-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Processions → Pontius Pilate</li> <li>Jesus</li> <li>Jesus said "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of robbers!"</li> <li>Chief Priests &amp; teachers of the Law began looking for ways to kill him for they heard him</li> <li>When evening came Jesus and his disciples went out of the city</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Monday</b> • Mark 11:12-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus and his disciples enter Jerusalem</li> <li>Jesus curses a fig tree</li> <li>They enter the temple courts &amp; drive out those who were selling &amp; buying there</li> <li>Jesus turned tables of money changers &amp; benches of those selling doves</li> <li>Jesus said "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of robbers!"</li> <li>Chief Priests &amp; teachers of the Law began looking for ways to kill him for they heard him</li> <li>When evening came Jesus and his disciples went out of the city</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Tuesday</b> • Mark 11:20-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They arrived again in Jerusalem</li> <li>Chief Priests, teachers of the Law, &amp; elders questioned Jesus's authority</li> <li>Jesus pointed the question back on them asking whether baptism of John was from heaven or human origin</li> <li>Jesus told the parable of the fig tree</li> <li>Some Pharisees and Herodians tried to catch Jesus in his words → They asked Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar → Jesus answered to give Caesar what is his and God what is God's</li> <li>They questioned Jesus several more times</li> <li>Jesus was victorious each time</li> <li>Jesus started to question them and taught lessons to the crowd</li> <li>Warning against the teachers of the Law</li> <li>The widows' offering</li> <li>He ended by telling about the destruction of the temple &amp; signs of the end of times</li> <li>→ The longest single speech in Mark's gospel (Mark 11:27-33)</li> <li>→ Important message: Be alert! Stay awake! Watch!</li> </ul> | <p><b>Wednesday</b> • Mark 11:11-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passover is 2 days away</li> <li>Chief Priests and teachers of the Law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him → But not during the Festival for fear of a riot</li> <li>A woman anointed Jesus by pouring perfume over his head → She was rebuked</li> <li>Jesus said to leave her alone because she did him a kindness → He reminded them that the poor will be with them forever but he would only be with them for a while longer → He pointed out that she was preparing him for his burial</li> <li>Judas Iscariot went to betray Jesus → they were delighted and gave Judas money</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Thursday</b> • Mark 14:12-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first day of the festival of unleavened bread</li> <li>Jesus and his disciples had the last supper → Jesus told them that one of them would betray him</li> <li>They took the bread → his body</li> <li>They took the cup → his blood</li> <li>They sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives → Jesus predicted Peter's denial</li> <li>Went to Gethsemane → Jesus prayed and asked the others to stay and watch → Jesus found them sleeping</li> <li>Judas came with an armed crowd → he kissed Jesus on the cheek as a sign he was there</li> <li>Jesus was arrested and they took him to the high priests → they falsely testified against him → Jesus said he was innocent</li> <li>They beat him up and spit at him and condemned him worthy of death</li> <li>Peter had followed at a distance and when he heard he denied Jesus as predicted → 3 times before Easter came twice</li> </ul> | <p><b>Good Friday</b> • Mark 15:1-47</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-9 AM: They took Jesus to Pilate</li> <li>Pilate sent him to Herod</li> <li>Herod sent him back to Pilate</li> <li>Pilate questioned him about being the Messiah</li> <li>Pilate asked the crowd whether they would release Jesus or the criminal Barabbas</li> <li>The crowd chose Barabbas</li> <li>They crucified Jesus</li> <li>They made a passer by (Simon) carry his cross</li> <li>They crucified Jesus</li> <li>They crucified the two thieves</li> <li>Jesus died at 3 PM</li> <li>Jesus cried out "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani" ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")</li> <li>With a loud cry he breathed his last</li> <li>The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom</li> <li>Then his body was wrapped in linen and he was laid in the tomb and the stone rolled away</li> </ul> | <p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus has died for our sins</li> <li>Because of this we can live with him and God forever</li> <li>The relationship was mended</li> <li>Nothing happened on this day because it was the Sabbath</li> <li>For those who did not believe it was a day like the rest but... for those who believed and loved him, they mourned</li> <li>For those who loved him: what would they say if only they knew what happened next</li> <li>Today we mourn but tomorrow...</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Easter</b> • He is Risen! Mark 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome, when the Sabbath was over, went to anoint the body</li> <li>When they got to the tomb they saw that the stone was already rolled away</li> <li>When they entered they saw an angel dressed in white → He told the women not to be alarmed, because they were looking for who was not there</li> <li>→ He is Risen!</li> <li>→ The biggest and best miracle</li> </ul>  |

## We Begin Anew

Our adventure with parking lot worship was well received by those who attended. Both Sundays we had terrific weather, maybe too much sun. Some had a little trouble hearing but we did the best we could at the time. No one let us know it was too quiet and from the “sound booth” it was loud. If anyone took a picture, please let us know.

Extra thanks to our neighbors, McDonald’s Funeral Home, for the extra parking space.

We still have plenty of room for you to join us in the CLC worship service, 10:30am Sunday, if you are able.

## Stewardship Report YTD 2020

|                                | <u>As of</u><br><u>3/31/20</u> | <u>As of</u><br><u>6/21/20</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2020 Annual Expense            | \$153,490                      | \$153,490                      |
| Budget                         |                                |                                |
| Required Weekly Giving         | \$2,952                        | \$2,952                        |
| Average Weekly Giving          | \$2,591                        | \$1,946                        |
| YTD                            |                                |                                |
| Weekly average <b>Shortage</b> | <b>(\$361)</b>                 | <b>(\$1,006)</b>               |
| Year to Date <b>Shortage</b>   | <b>(\$4,332)</b>               | <b>(\$12,072)</b>              |

## Outreach Committee



The Outreach Committee is now providing comfort quilts and knitted blankets for babies and children with serious illness. Other items available for blessing those in need are prayer shawls, prayer cloths, prayer bears, and chemo caps. These gifts of love to bless those with serious health issues are available in the church library. Thanks to quilters, crocheters, and knitters for providing these special comfort gifts. Thanks to Teresa Drum for the beautiful signage.

-Rose Fricot



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Welcome baby Isla Whit Schwendimann

Born June 18, 2020

12:41 p.m.

7lbs. 1oz. 19 $\frac{1}{4}$  in long

