

## This Week at Mount Zion

### Today: (4/3)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

### Monday: (4/4)

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday: (4/5)

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday: (4/6)

7:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:25 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

### Thursday: (4/7)

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

### Friday: (4/8)

10:00 a.m.

### Saturday: (4/9)

9:00 a.m.

### Sunday: (4/10)

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

### *Small Group Rally Day*

Morning Worship Services--*Communion*

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Easter Cantata Drama Practice--Chapel

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Children's & Adult Choir Practice

Handbells--Sanctuary

Children's Ministries--Share & Care

Youth Council--Jr. High Classroom

Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms

Exercise--Narthex

Boy Scouts--FH

Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall

Exercise--Narthex

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

Men's Ensemble--Chapel

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Adult Choir--Chapel

Venturing Crew--FH

CPR Class--Youth Classroom

Missions Team--Share & Care Classroom

Exercise--Narthex

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Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta--Shelter

*Small Groups begin this week*

United Methodist Men--FH

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Discovering Church Membership--FH

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**Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Coffee & Fellowship For Everyone: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome!**

If this is your first visit, please stop by  
the guest assistance table. You are  
always welcome at Mount Zion.

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation of the world.*

**Order of Worship**  
**April 3, 2011**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**.....UMH 301  
*“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts**

**\*Offertory**                   *“The Mystery of the Trinity”*

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Anthem** .....Adult Choir  
*“I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb”*

**Children’s Time**

*(Children 4 through 8 years old may leave for Children’s Church at this time.)*

**Announcements**

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed**.....UMH 882

**Sermon**.....Pastor Leonard  
Sentencing by Pilate

**Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn**.....UMH 165  
*“Hallelujah! What a Savior”*

*(You may come to the altar rail to pray, receive prayer or be anointed with oil for healing.)*

**\*Trinity Chime Benediction**

**Postlude**                   *“Rise and Rejoice”*

\*Indicates congregation standing (those who are able).

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**April's Mission Focus is the Community Garden Plant Giveaway** on Saturday, April 16th from 9 to 10 am in the church parking lot. To receive free garden plants, gardeners fill out and sign a pledge to share their harvest with those in need. There will be 2,000 plants and seed packets available. We are also collecting *peanut butter* for the **Shepherd's Shelf**.

***Easter Family Devotionals "Easter is near!"** are available in the Narthex (one per family). The calendars begin next Sunday, April 10th. Instructions are located on the back of the calendar*

**Spring Small Group Brochures** are available in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall. Small Group Rally Day is today, from 9:30 to 10:00 am and after the 11 am Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Leaders will be available to answer any questions and to sign you up for their Spring Small Group.

**Today is One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday.** This Special offering enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond to disasters around the world by covering its operational and administrative costs. Unlike other mission programs, UMCOR receives no World Service or other apportionment money. By giving to this offering, you enable UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of designated gifts go to specified causes. Please make your check out to Mount Zion UMC and in the memo put "One Great Hour of Sharing."

**UMCOR** is accepting donations for the Japan & Pacific Emergency. Please make your check out to Mount Zion UMC and note: "UMCOR Advance 3021317" in the memo and place it in the offering plate.

If you are interested in finding out more about Mount Zion or are interested in joining, there will be a **Discovering Church Membership Class** held next Sunday, April 10th, at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. Childcare provided upon request. Please contact the Church Office to sign-up by Thursday, April 7th. *New Member Sunday* will be held on May 1st.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to **children's choir practice** today and next Sunday, April 10th, at 5:30 pm, in the Sanctuary with the **Adult Choir**. They will be singing on Palm Sunday with the Adult Choir & Handbells.

**Easter Cantata Drama Practice** will be held on Sundays at 4 pm, in the Sanctuary.

**The Paul J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** applications are now being accepted until April 15th. Any High School Senior that is a member of Mount Zion can apply. Applications are located in the Narthex.

**Mount Zion's Relay for Life Team** is selling luminaries & torches of hope until April 22nd. If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone, a form, instructions, and a designated box for completed forms and payment is located in the Narthex.

# **Climbing Guide**

*Suggestions for going further with today's theme at home.*



## **Thinking about the Theme**

- What kind of punishment was given out in your grade school? Did you ever receive it? For what?

## **Getting into God's Word**

- Read Mark 15:1-15.
- Why do you think Pilate is so indecisive? Why is Jesus so quiet?
- Why do the people demand that Jesus be crucified? Why does Pilate give in?
- What insights into God's plan of salvation do you see in the exchange of Jesus for Barabbas?

## **Getting God's Word into Our Lives**

- Why does Jesus go through these trials and torture when he could have used his great power to escape?
- How did the crowd make its decision? How is that different from the way you make decisions?
- When have you given into peer pressure to do something you knew you shouldn't do?
- How would you feel if you were in Barabbas' place? How is your position similar to his?

## **Praying about It**

- Pray Isaiah 53:3-6 or 3-12 by directing it to Jesus (instead of about him) and personalizing it with your name wherever appropriate. For instance: "Surely [Jesus, you] took up [my] infirmities and carried [my] sorrows, yet [I] considered [you] stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted."
- Thank Jesus for his substitutionary atonement.

## **Doing Something to Make It Stick**

- Try to find a way to be a substitute for someone this week: taking the punishment they deserve, paying a debt they owe, doing a job they are supposed to do, etc.
- Sing/listen to songs/hymns that deal with the theme of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

We publish our current, complete prayer list in our newsletter each month. Every Sunday new prayer requests are put in the bulletin so that you can add them to your list. If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or make a confidential prayer request, you can fill out a blue prayer card. If there is anyone who can be taken off our current prayer list, please fill out a card, call or email the office.

**Prayer list:** Meredith Tart, Randy Carroll, Melody Chandler, Steve Freeman, Randall Shaw, Oliver Family, Helen Forbes, Kellie Seiden, John Neuner

### Worship Assistants

Counters: Kim Andrews, Rex Spivey.....(8:30) Alfred Taylor, Tony Hewett.....(11:00)  
Acolytes: Brendan Boyd, Emma Ausley, Chad McQueary.....(8:30)  
Brittany Moore, Andrew Moore.....(11:00)  
Greeters: Keith & Heather Cantando..(8:30) Open.....(11:00)

*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of  
Doris & Vernon Acree's 73rd Wedding Anniversary by Leon & Beth Ives*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in memory of  
her father, Lt. Col. William S. Willis by Karen Acree*

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## Holy Week/Easter Events

- **A Taste of Passover**- Thursday, April 21st, Symbolic Passover meal at host homes. **Sign-up today in the Narthex** to attend a meal at a home in your area.
- **A Tenebrae Service**- Friday, April 22nd at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **A Family Easter Celebration**- Saturday, April 23rd, from 11 am to 1 pm, in the Sanctuary. An interactive exploration of the events of Easter, as well as an egg hunt and lunch in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service**- April 24th, at 6:30 am in the cemetery, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Easter Sunday Worship Services**- April 24th, at 8:30 & 11 am **Easter Cantata and Drama:** "Here Comes the King!"



# 24 Hours

that Changed the World

*Part 4: Sentencing by Pilate*

*“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.*

*“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.*

*“Crucify him!” they shouted.—Mark 15:9-13 (NIV)*

## **What is the setting?**

*[Pilate] brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).—John 19:13 (NIV)*

## **Who are the people involved?**

- Pontius Pilate
- Chief priests
- Barabbas
- The crowd

## **What is going on?**

*Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”—John 19:12 (NIV)*

*He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.—Isaiah 53:7 (NLT)*

*Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.—Mark 15:15 (NIV)*

## **What do we learn from those who interact with Jesus during his sentencing?**

- 1) What we can learn from the crowd: If my focus is on the \_\_\_\_\_

I will make \_\_\_\_\_ choices.

*“My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”—John 18:36 (NLT)*

*Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.—1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)*

- 2) What we can learn from Pilate: If pleasing people is more important to me than doing what is right, I can be pressed into doing \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.—Romans 12:2 (NIV-2011)*

- 3) What we can learn from Barabbas: Jesus takes my \_\_\_\_\_ to set me free.

*Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.—Isaiah 53:4-6 (NLT)*

*He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.—1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)*

Next Sunday: *Torture by the Romans*