

# THE VOICE

March 28, 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

The crowds shouted,  
“Hosanna  
to the Son of David!”

*Matthew 21:9*



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# Holy Vessels: A Season of Recovery

Prelude	Festive Trumpet Tune	David German
Pastoral Welcome		Jess Davenport
Call To Worship		Barry Petrucci
Hymn	All Glory Laud and Honor	
Song	Days of Elijah	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		Pat Catellier
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	My Song is Love Unknown	
Scripture	Matthew 21:1-11	Adam & Lily Dorstewitz
Message	Wholly, Holy	Jess Davenport
Offering & Special Music	Adoration	Florence Price
Dedication		
Hymn	A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd	
Closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Song	Let It Rise	
Blessing		
Postlude	Gethsemane	David Cherwein

## Holy Week at Portage Chapel Hill

**Sunday, March 28 Palm/Passion Sunday**  
10 am Livestream Worship

**Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday**  
6 pm "Come To The Table"  
Shared Meal and Communion on Zoom

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**  
7 pm Tenebrae Service Livestream

**Sunday, April 4 Easter**  
7 am Sunrise Service Outside in the Memorial  
Garden, in-person and socially distanced  
10 am Livestream Worship

## Maundy Thursday "Come To The Table" Dinner and Communion

- Thursday, April 1 at 6 pm on ZOOM

We learned from Christ on the first Maundy Thursday that sharing a meal is one of the holiest things we can do as Christians. While we can't do that in person this year, we will do the next best thing! Sara House will teach us to make one of her family's delicious hearty soup recipes together on ZOOM. Then Pastor Barry and Pastor Jess will lead us in Communion and will share some reflection questions for your family to discuss during dinner.

For this worship experience, Chapel Hill can provide you with all the ingredients for dinner, and even deliver them right to your door. You only need basic kitchen equipment and to show up to the ZOOM hungry for dinner and meaningful time together. All ages are welcome. We do ask that you register so we can follow up with you with more information and with the ZOOM link.

Find the link to register at [pchum.org/lent](http://pchum.org/lent).

## COVID Vaccine Clinics

All individuals aged 50 and older living in Kalamazoo County are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine through the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department. Appointments are first-come-first-served and are released in batches **every Monday at 7 am, Noon, and 5 pm**. To make your appointment please go to [kalcounty.com/hcs/covid1950plusregistration.php](http://kalcounty.com/hcs/covid1950plusregistration.php).

## Lenten Mission Project

During the season of Lent, Portage Chapel Hill has asked that folks pick up items that the church will give to Kalamazoo area families who are housing children in the foster care system. We are hoping to provide "Dinner and a Movie" kits for 20 families. Each kit will include a restaurant gift card, individually wrapped snacks and drinks, movie streaming gift cards, and hand-written notes. We ask that all items be dropped off at the church this **Sunday, March 28 from 9 am—Noon**. To see the full list of wanted items please visit [pchum.org/lent](http://pchum.org/lent) or email Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## Chapel Hill Community Garden

Spring has sprung and Chapel Hill's Community Garden is calling! There are plots available for the 2021 season. Cost is \$25 (to cover the cost of water usage) and gardeners are required to donate 30% of their produce to the Loaves and Fishes Romence Rd. Food Pantry, housed in the lower level of the church building. To reserve your garden plot please contact Chris Cartner at [cartner3030@gmail.com](mailto:cartner3030@gmail.com).

### Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill  
7028 Oakland Dr.  
Portage MI 49024

### Give Online:

[pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give)

### Give On Realm:

[onrealm.org/pchum](http://onrealm.org/pchum)

### Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to  
73256

## Coffee With The Pastors — Wrapping Up

- Sunday, March 28 at 11 am

This Sunday is the last opportunity, for now, to connect with Pastor Jess and Pastor Barry following Sunday worship to discuss something you heard, something you question, or something you found meaningful during the service. Find the Zoom link at [pchum.org/events](https://pchum.org/events).

## At-Home Easter Egg Hunt Kits

Andrea Trantham, Chapel Hill's Director of Children's Ministries, is putting together an at-home Easter Egg Hunt for your family. Each kit will contain eggs stuffed with toys, stickers, and candy. Andrea will personally deliver the kits right to your door on Thursday, April 1. *Please Note:* The Easter eggs may contain items not suitable for children under 3 years old. Please visit [pchum.org/lent](https://pchum.org/lent) for the registration link. Questions may be directed to Andrea at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## April Playdates

- All kids in Preschool—5th grade
- Wednesday, April 7 & Wednesday, April 21
- 6—7:30 pm on the playground

Chapel Hill kids, we've missed you! Andrea Trantham is planning two opportunities in April to get together and play outside. These events will be staffed by two Safe Place-Certified adults, so parents are welcome to drop their kids off. Face masks will be required and these dates will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Space is limited so you are asked to register. Find the registration link at [pchum.org/childrenministries](https://pchum.org/childrenministries).

## State of the Nation...State of the Faith

- Resumes Thursday, April 8 at 7 pm

State of the Nation...State of the Faith will be taking this Thursday, April 1 off to observe Maundy Thursday, but will return April 8 at 7 pm on Zoom. State of the Nation is an open forum where folks are coming together to discuss how Chapel Hill can move toward being an anti-racist congregation. All are encouraged to join the conversation. The Zoom link can be found at [pchum.org/events](https://pchum.org/events).

## Portage Kids Peaceful Protests

- Every Wednesday and Sunday from Noon—1 pm
- Corner of S. Westnedge Ave. and Centre Ave. in Portage

Every Wednesday and Sunday a group of adults and children gather at the corner of S. Westnedge Ave. and Centre Ave. in Portage to peacefully protest against racism in our community. This is a great opportunity to show children how to stand with the Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate movements. All are encouraged to get involved.

## Summer Camp

It's time to start planning your kids' summer camp adventures! United Methodist Camping has summer camp opportunities for the whole family. And don't forget, Portage Chapel Hill Church will pay 50% of the cost of kids going to camp! For information on United Methodist Camping please visit [pchum.org/camp](https://pchum.org/camp). If you have any questions about Chapel Hill's 50% commitment please email [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

## Update on In-Person Worship to the Congregation of Portage Chapel Hill

Last November we responded to the surge in COVID-19 cases by restricting access to church facilities. We stopped offering in-person worship for our congregation and closed our indoor facilities for gatherings. We later closed our grounds to outdoor meetings as well. We have continued this policy through the winter while continuing to offer our worship services online and provide virtual gatherings for our congregation.

Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as our understanding of this deadly virus has developed. After considerable deliberation, we have decided to continue our policy of keeping Portage Chapel Hill closed for indoor worship and meetings. But, effective immediately, *outdoor meetings and gatherings will be permitted on church grounds*. Participants must follow guidelines and be appropriately screened, masked, and socially distanced. The outdoor Easter Sunrise Service will be held this year at 7 am on Sunday, April 4 in the Memorial Garden.

We will continue to closely watch the community's COVID-19 data and consider the health and safety of our clergy and our congregation as we respond to this pandemic. We will continue to worship and connect in fellowship with each other through this difficult time.

The Guidance Board

## Support Black-Owned Businesses

A small group of Chapel Hill folks have been having conversations on anti-racism each Thursday night at 7 pm on "State of the Nation...State of the Faith." Becoming an anti-racist congregation has gotten some traction as various small groups have been reading books on white privilege, social marginalization, personal and systemic racism, and more. The Thursday night conversations have turned to *not* waiting for government-sponsored reparations for chattel slavery, as that does not seem to have necessary political traction. Taking direction from Michael Eric Dyson's book [Tears We Cannot Stop](#), we are looking at ways we can do some "repaying" right in our own community. To begin this we will be highlighting black-owned businesses in the area, in hopes that many of us would choose to support these businesses once we know of them! We offer a few of those businesses to you here. Should you know of black-owned business you would like listed, please let the office know. We know that this is in no way an exhaustive list and we also caution that a business appearing here does not constitute an endorsement of services or products they offer.

- Roche Wine Collection
- Huey D's Goodies
- Layla's Cool Pops
- Dream of Kalamazoo Hair Salon
- Saybers Cooking

To find other businesses, or to give a donation, go to **Black Wall Street Kalamazoo**, which provides services and education to bring forth successful African American businesses.