



March 29, 2020

WELCOME! We're glad you joined us online! Some things you might like to know:

This bulletin is printable! Follow along during worship, or save it to read the GPS, Coming Up news or prayer requests later. All the gray, underlined sections of text are links.

Let us know you watched online by signing in. Click on "[Let Us Know You Were Here](#)" at the bottom of your screen to register your attendance. You can also share a prayer request; our Prayer Team prays through these requests each week. If you are watching on demand, you can still register your attendance, send a prayer request, and give online, just like on Sunday!

First time here? We'd like to thank you by making a donation in your honor to one of our community partners. Click on "[Let Us Know You Were Here](#)," and from the list at the bottom check the organization of your choice. You're making an impact in this community just by watching today!

Even through difficult times, the work of the church continues. Your offering makes that happen. You can continue to give online by clicking on "[Give](#)" at the bottom of your online worship experience, by texting the word Funds to (763) 333-2673 and following the prompts, or by mailing a check to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. Thank you for your continued support.

8:45 ONLINE WORSHIP

- Welcome
- Opening Song of Praise and Worship
The Way, the Truth, the Life (Barrett)
- Prayer
- Children's Blessing
- Offering
Scripture: [Matthew 7:12, 24-27](#) Linda Seaton
Message: *Better Homes and Gardens* Steve Richards
- Prayer
- Anthem *Proof of Your Love* (Smallbone)
- Benediction

GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 3/30	Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday 3/31	Matthew 15:1-20
Wednesday 4/1	Matthew 16:13-28
Thursday 4/2	Matthew 18:1-14
Friday 4/3	Matthew 20:1-28
Saturday 4/4	Matthew 20:29-34

To receive a daily copy of the GPS, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org, and she will place you on the email mailing list, or find it online at MessiahChurch.org under "[Messages](#)."

PRAYER

Lift Up Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayers for Health and Healing for:

Sandy S, Joan L, Vicki H, Jim W, Harriet S, Lyle C, Jim B, LeAnne H, Ollie H, Brenda B, Diane K, Brian I, Helen W, Bette S, Marge K, Johnna H

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

Mat C, Ally G, Matt G, Nicholas P, Steven R, Ben S, Elisabeth W, Tyler W

COMING UP @ MESSIAH

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at MessiahChurch.org, "Messiah United Methodist Church" on [Facebook](#) and the "Coming Up @ Messiah" weekly email. To receive the weekly emails, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org, and she will place you on the email mailing list.

We take the well-being of our congregation, staff, and community seriously. To do our part in reducing the spread of the Coronavirus, **ALL group activities and in-person worship services are canceled through April.** These dates may be extended based on CDC recommendations. Even if you are feeling fine, please refrain from coming to worship in person. To learn more, visit tinyurl.com/MessiahCoronaUpdate.

April events will be rescheduled.

Let's Talk Teens Part 2 on April 14, *Parents' Night Out* on April 17, and *Dinner & a Respectful Conversation* on April 28 will all be rescheduled, as well as many other April events. We will notify you of additional cancellations and when new dates are set.

During this time of social distancing, **Messiah Kids, Youth Groups and Adult Ministries have moved online.** To connect with these groups, parents of children can

contact Karen Klekner at kklekner@messiahchurch.org, and parents or youth can contact Sami Tierney at stierney@messiahchurch.org. Adults should contact Kami Pohl at kpohl@messiahchurch.org for help joining a group, for Bible study or online connection to others.

In these uncertain times, we have made the difficult decision to move all of our Holy Week and Easter services online only:

Palm Sunday Online

Sunday, April 5 @ 8:45 am only or on demand anytime - please note, April 5 worship will be consolidated with a single live broadcast at 8:45

Celebrate by participating virtually in the annual Palm Processional. Make your own "palm" ahead of time: www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpalm.htm. Join us online as we wave palms together and sing to re-enact Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem!

Maundy Thursday Online

Thursday, April 9 @ 7 pm or on demand anytime

Join us for online worship as we remember Jesus' last days on earth with his best friends and disciples.

Good Friday Online

Friday, April 10 @ 7:30 pm or on demand anytime

Good Friday online worship will feature a newly commissioned work, *I Call Your Name*, by

composer Connor Koppin, as we musically remember our Lord's last day on this earth.

Easter Sunday Online

Sunday, April 12 @ 8:45 am and 10:30 am or on demand anytime

Celebrate online at both services, when we rejoice that He is alive!

MAKE AN IMPACT

Messiah is a church of compassion and outreach. We serve through mission, locally and internationally. For a complete list of opportunities visit MessiahChurch.org/community/make-an-impact. The building is closed, but we are still called to serve.

Honor or remember a loved one

this Easter with a gift to Messiah Church. This year, "virtual flowers" will ensure that Messiah is able to continue supporting Bloom families and the local food shelves during these difficult times. In this way, our Easter gifts become a source of life for many. A list of those honored or remembered will be printed in the Easter Sunday online bulletin and also on screen during the service (suggested donation is \$20). Deadline to submit your dedications for print is Monday, April 6. To submit an Easter dedication, visit tinyurl.com/Easter2020Dedications to fill out the form, then follow the directions to make your donation.

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The **food shelves are in dire need** due to the Coronavirus outbreak. But YOU can help! Today, the best way to help the Interfaith Outreach and ICA food shelves is with your generous donations. Visit their websites to make an immediate donation: www.iocp.org and www.ica-foodshelf.org. Your gift during this crisis provides essential services for our most vulnerable neighbors. Every \$1 you donate allows them to source \$9 of food and goods from their partners. Thank you for feeding families in this time of uncertainty. The food shelves are also in need of toilet paper, peanut butter and paper grocery bags for food distribution. Please drop off any non-perishable items or bag donations directly at Interfaith Outreach (1605 County Road 101 N, Plymouth) during their special hours: Monday and Friday only, 10 am-5 pm. It's recommended that you call first, to be sure someone is staffing the donation area: (763) 489-7500.

Bloom families are also in need, as many have come to depend on the food Messiah was making available to them through our "Totes for Hope" program. While Bloom Early Learning & Child Care is temporarily closed, their families could still use this help. Many families are requesting items that they are not able to get from other food shelves or cannot get enough of for their

family size. The most commonly requested items that we do not have on hand (or that are going fast) include: milk, cheese, lunch meat, any meat for cooking, bread, peanut butter & jelly, snacks for kids, fresh fruit or veggies, juice, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies.

Ways you can help Bloom families:

- Donate unopened items from your own personal pantry, refrigerator or freezer. These can be dropped off at church.
- Add the above items to your own grocery list. Pick up a few extra the next time you grocery shop, then drop off at church.
- Order some of the above items using an online grocery that will deliver, and have them delivered to Messiah, Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm, or Fridays 9 am-noon. Please email Phil Weiler at pweiler@messiahchurch.org to let him know a delivery is expected.

Items dropped off at church can be brought Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm, or Fridays 9 am-noon. Leave shelf-stable food in the carts to the right, just inside the church front doors. Place perishable items in the refrigerator or freezer in the church kitchen inside Heritage Hall, labeled "any Bloom family." Please maintain social distancing and use the available hand sanitizer while in the building.

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If you would like more information on how to help the Bloom families, please contact Kami Pohl at kpohl@messiahchurch.org.

In these uncertain times, we are put under greater stress and resources are stretched. **Simpson Shelter** is no exception. Their most pressing need is for monetary donations to cover the cost of putting food on the table. With many organizations canceling their dinner serving slots, Simpson is tasked with providing the meals for their guests. Visit www.simpsonhousing.org to make an immediate online donation, or mail a check payable to Simpson Housing Services (be sure to designate "Simpson Shelter Meal Program" in the memo line) to: Simpson Housing Services, Attn: Development Office, 2100 Pillsbury Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404.

Many Messiah members are involved with delivering meals as part of the **Meals on Wheels program**. They are currently in need of new volunteers to fill delivery slots. Each route takes about 1 hour. Most Meals on Wheels clients live alone and are of limited means, and receiving a hot meal is the highlight of their day. If you are interested in this service opportunity, contact Roger Dow at (763) 553-0992 or dowgr12@gmail.com. In light of the Coronavirus outbreak, they have established procedures that will help protect both their clients and volunteers.

Submit bulletin items by noon on Wednesday to messiahinfo@messiahchurch.org.

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