



**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**Worship Service — 10 am**

**Connect with NLUMC**

- Join our live Zoom worship services online.
  - Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://nlumc.com), including YouTube videos of our past services.
  - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
  - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
- Contact the church office or any of our pastors for more information.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

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**Order of Worship**

*Seeking God's Way . . . From Power over to Power with.*

Prelude

Announcements

Words of welcome

Palm branches processional

VT #312, *Jesus Is Coming*

Call to worship

Responsive reading

Lenten prayer of confession

VT #309, *Fill Us with Your Feast* (theme song)

Offering prayer

Special music — How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Children's time — From power over to power with people

VT #313, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Scripture reading — Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Message — Shouts from the side of the road

VT #314, *Holy Lord*

First sending

Sharing and prayer

VT #315, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Benediction



**Today —**

1. Outdoor Sunday School available; children, please come prepared to play outside!
2. By order of the Fire Marshall, we will do a fire drill at the end of today's worship service.

**The Easter StoryWalk “Twas the Morning of Easter”** is all set up in the church basement and ready to view **today and Easter Sunday**, before and after worship. Come! Follow the footprints!

*Thank you to our participants today including: Susie Amlin, Judy Cornies, Harry Dick, John Harder, Debbie Janzen, Charleen Jongejan Harder, Tobias Jongejan Harder, Justin Neufeld, Debbie Srigley, Sandra Warkentin, Joan Willms.*

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## **Church Life . . .**

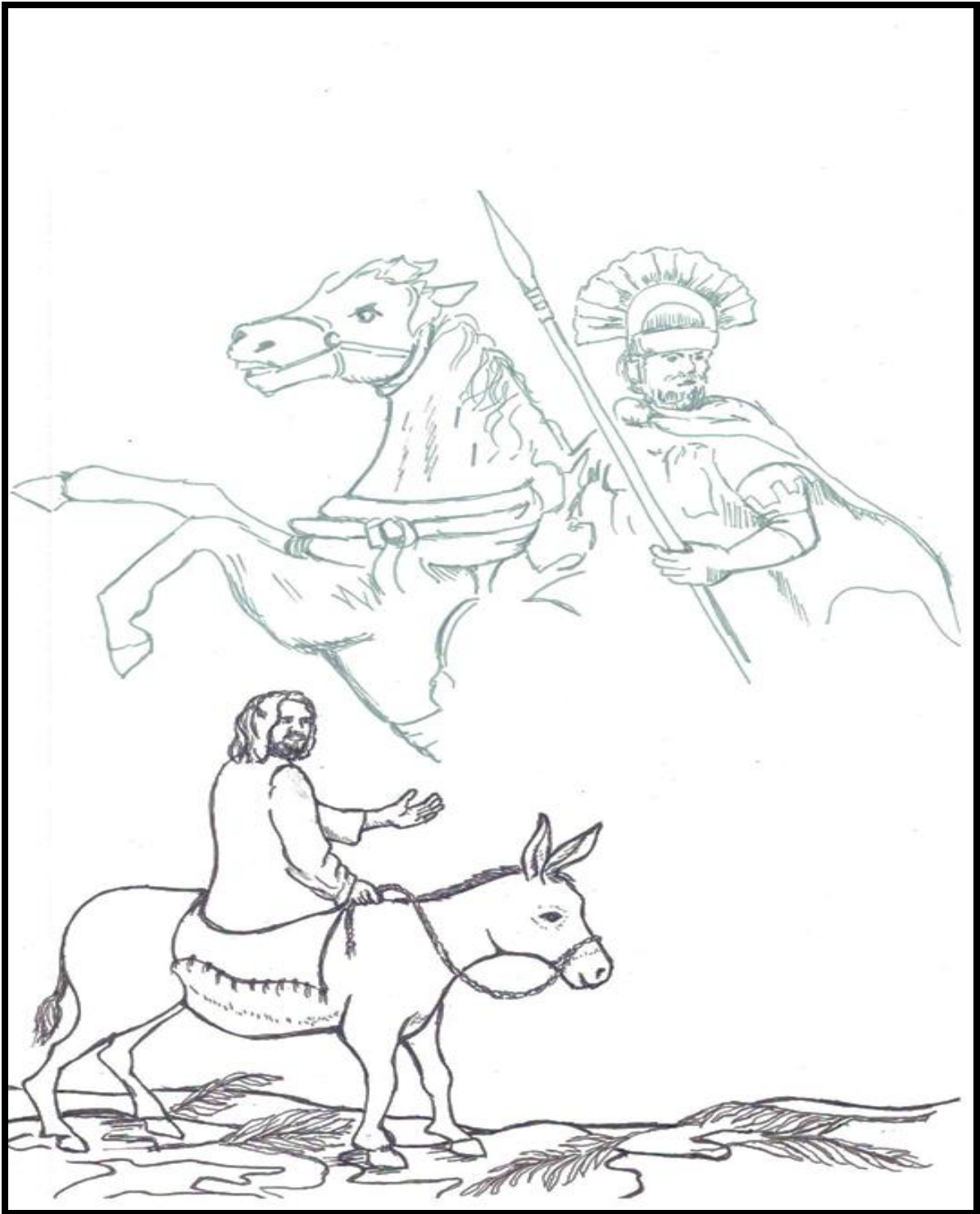
◆ **COVID Protocols Changed.** NLUMC continues with the wearing of masks and social distancing. We continue with open windows for ventilation and air flow. Hand sanitizer is available. As the weather becomes nicer, please move outside quickly after the worship service and let's have greetings and visitation outdoors. We no longer need to register with the office or sign-in the attendance binder. We ask everyone to consider their personal risk as they return to the church sanctuary. We realize that there is a definite benefit to build relationships in Christ when we come together under the same roof, therefore, we encourage more people and our young families to return to worshipping together in the sanctuary as you see fit. We do not want to let our guard down. We hope and pray for health and wellness for all.

We would like to have Greeters in the lobby again before church, so please sign up on the Greeters Schedule in the lobby.

◆ **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, April 13** from 6:30 to 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the church office if you do not have the Zoom link. Our final prayer meeting of the season will be Wednesday, April 20.

◆ **Good Friday, April 15, Worship and Communion, 10 am.** *The Sounds of Good Friday* led by Pastor Kendall. Communion elements will be provided for you in the sanctuary. If you are at home, please prepare your elements in advance. The children will be part of the morning worship. No children's activities are planned.

◆ **Easter Sunday, April 17, 10 am.** From Certainty to Openness. Pastor Charleen will preach, Sandra Warkentin will lead worship. There will be a traditional procession of flowers to decorate the cross. We look forward to seeing many of you there. The children will be part of the morning worship. No children's activities are planned.



## **Palm Sunday Reflection Question**

**Where are you working with and for others *in love*?**

**In council and congregational meetings?**

**In relationships in your family and community?**

### **◆ Hello from Church Council**

The congregation has asked for more open communication, so we have created a “communication tree” so that people have a direct connection to someone on Council. We used the names of survey respondents as indicators of people who are directly invested in sharing their ideas for “NLUMC for the Future.” For those people who responded to the survey, you will receive an email, phone call, or text from the person on Council who is part of your phone tree in the next few weeks. If you didn’t send in a survey but would like to be part of this “communication tree” please let anyone on Council know and we will add you!

We are excited for this new way to be connected to each other and continue to build relationships with each other in Christ.

We also heard from many that we would like more times of congregational discussion and conversation together, so we are planning a membership meeting for **Sunday, April 24** at 11:30 am in the church sanctuary after the morning worship service. More details will be shared. As always, if you have any feedback or want to share anything please contact a member of Church Council. . . *Brenda Fischer, Council Chairperson*

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 29 & 30** in Ancaster, Ontario. NLUMC is asking for three delegates and one Youth delegate to represent us at this annual meeting. Pastors Charleen and Kendall Jongejan Harder will be attending. Please contact Susan in the church office if you require more details or if you would like to represent our church membership as a delegate.

### ◆ **NLUMC Would Like to Create a “Drivers List.”**

Occasionally, some of our members may need to be driven to medical appointments if they do not have a family member available to do so. If you would be willing to drive, please submit your name to Susan in the church office. She will keep a running list, and as needed she would share your contact name with a family needing this service.

### ◆ **Donations to NLUMC are accepted by —**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message
- 3) leave donation in the nightly drop box at Kindred Credit Union – labelled NLUMC – include donation #
- 4) mail donation to church address

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com).

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News.** On **Tuesday, April 19** the Leamington Mennonite Home Board will be holding its Annual General Meeting via Zoom call at 7 pm. Anyone interested in the affairs of the Home is invited to attend. Annual reports will be presented, and corporate members will be voting on several items on the agenda. A quorum is required for this purpose. Corporate members can confirm their attendance with the LMH front office by phone (519-326-6109) or email ([samantha@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:samantha@mennonitehome.ca)) – if you are unable to attend, you may designate another member of your congregation to serve as your proxy (contact the LMH Board Chair, Helga Enns ([helgaenns@gmail.com](mailto:helgaenns@gmail.com)) by Monday, April 18 if you plan to use a proxy).

Members of the general public/church congregations should contact the LMH front office to indicate your attendance at the meeting. A Zoom invitation will be sent out on Monday, April 18 to all attendees.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association Event.** *Journey through the Greenhouse Industry; Then and Now* by Ken Enns on **Friday, April 22** at the Heritage Centre, 7 pm. All are welcome, admission by donation.

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

**Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 4** at 7 pm.

**The UMEI Board is recommending the following to association members:**

- The implementation of a new leadership model on a two-year interim basis, to be reviewed at the end of the two years;
- 50% tuition for two years
- Free transportation for two years, with continuing transportation after that;
- And a face lift for the school.

Further details about this meeting will come in the following weeks.

### ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

- Spots available in most overnight camps, outtrips and off-site day camps. Go to [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) to register!
- 20 more volunteers needed at SLMC this summer! Go to [slmc.ca/camp/volunteers](http://slmc.ca/camp/volunteers) for more info and to apply.
- Check out this video about camp! [SLMC-PROMO.m4v](#)

### **Events —**

▶ **SLMC Online Campfire, April 24**, 7 pm, Come get a taste of camp spirit and connect with friends and Silver Lake staff! From toddlers to seniors; all ages welcome. Visit our [homepage](#) for campfire link!

▶ **Work Weekend, April 29 - May 1.** [Click here](#) to sign-up!

▶ **Fundraiser: The Grand Paddle and Hike May 6-8!**

▶ **National Life Guard Course, May 30 - June 3** at camp! Must be at least 16. To register email [karen@slmc.ca](mailto:karen@slmc.ca)

▶ **Wilderness First Aid, June 4 - 5 OR Wilderness Advanced First Aid, June 4-7** equivalent courses at camp. Must be at least 14. To register email [karen@slmc.ca](mailto:karen@slmc.ca)

◆ **Employment Opportunity.** UMEI Christian High School invites applications for the full-time position of **Administrative Assistant** whose responsibilities include general office administration, data entry and working with a variety of people, including staff, parents, students and supporters. If you have strong computer skills, excellent oral and written communication skills, and good people skills we would love to hear from you! Please submit resumes to Sonya Bedal at [principal@umei.ca](mailto:principal@umei.ca).



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# Junior Youth

**CONNECT JR is online Tuesday, April 12, at 7 pm.**

**Friday, April 22, 7-9 pm at NLUMC. Gargon Night, active games around the church.**

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## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples. In Leamington, we gather on the traditional, unceded territory of the Caldwell First Nation, and the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations comprised of the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat peoples. We give thanks to the Creator and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, let us remember **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Mississauga **Mennonite Fellowship** in Mississauga, Ontario.

*John & Linda Willms* thank you for all the prayers which are greatly appreciated. Plans are being made for John to come home in the coming week.

The family of *Abe Driedger* thanks you for all the prayers on his behalf. Abe is anticipating transfer to Erie Shore Healthcare (Leamington) soon for ongoing care.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Team can offer support.

We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation by phoning 519-326-7928 or emailing [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com)

In case of emergency, contact a Pastor listed below.

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## Pastors

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Office hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm; Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.