



THE PALM LEAF

SPECIAL EDITION

Church of The Palms

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CELEBRATING THE PAST;
EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Easter Morning In-Person Service at Church of the Palms

Here are some famous quotes about Easter:

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." — *Martin Luther King Jr.*

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life." — *Janine di Giovanni*

"Easter is a time to rejoice, be thankful, be assured that all is forgiven, so life extends beyond the soil of the earth." — *Byron Pulsifer*

"We will have an in-person worship and celebration service on Easter morning at Church of the Palms." — *Pastor Paul Whitlock*

Yes, it is true, we will be holding one outdoor Easter service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. And you are invited. A team of church members from the boards of Worship and Fine Arts, Deacons, and Evangelism have been meeting with the Faith Community Nurse, Moderator Team and Pastors to plan for this day. Our ultimate goal is to provide a meaningful Easter morning service and, most importantly, do all we can to ensure your health and wellbeing. Here is what you need to know.

Attendees are asked to register their attendance by clicking on [this link](#) or calling this dedicated phone line beginning March 15: 623.748.3574. The deadline for registration is April 1.

- ◆ No limit will be placed on number of participants.
- ◆ We will maintain 6 feet minimum between attendees.
- ◆ All attendees will be required to wear face masks.
- ◆ Attendees are advised to wear head covering (Easter bonnet) and apply sunscreen.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer stations will be available and you are encouraged to use them.
- ◆ Deacons/ushers will guide attendees to open seats.

- ◆ Boards of Evangelism and Worship & Fine Arts will direct cars entering and leaving the parking lot.
- ◆ Service will be approximately 45 minutes long. No congregational singing or responsive readings.
- ◆ Communion will be available after the service.
- ◆ Board of Evangelism will distribute Easter Holy Cards after the service as people exit the parking lot.
- ◆ If you are feeling ill on Easter morning or have been around anyone with Covid 19 symptoms, please do not attend.
- ◆ There will be no social time after the service; attendees will be asked to leave the area immediately after the service.

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We look forward to being together as a church family on Easter morning. Praise God!!

Finally, we continue to monitor the following information items so that we can have indoor worship services in the near future:

- ✓ Number of new cases in zip code 85351 for 10 days prior to starting in-person service
- ✓ Number of hospitalizations previous 10 days
- ✓ Testing positivity rate ≤ 4
- ✓ Both Pastors and as many members of our church family as possible have completed Covid vaccinations.

Other Holy Week Opportunities

Maundy Thursday, April 1 — We will gather for online worship with our sister churches: Desert Garden UCC, Sun City Christian DOC, and United Church UCC. This service will be available to you on our website on April 1 starting at noon. Click on the Maundy Thursday icon on the [Bridges page](#).

Good Friday, April 2 — “Stations of the Cross” Labyrinth Walk, 1-3 p.m. Details to come.