



CELEBRATE OUR KING

# Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

## WORSHIP

Welcome/Family News  
Communal Reading  
(Philippians/Filipenses 2:5-11)

Jason Craddock

*This Is The Day / Este Es El Día*

*Come We That Love The Lord / Los que Aman al Señor*

Shepherd's Prayer  
Oración

Gustavo Villanueva

*We Will Glorify / Glorificaremos*

*There Was One Who Was Willing /  
Hubo Quien Por Mis Culpas*

Communion Francisco Becerra  
1 Corinthians/1 Corintios 10:14-17

Bread/Pan

*O, Sacred Head / Oh, Rostro Ensangrentado*

Cup/Copa

*O, Sacred Head / Oh, Rostro Ensangrentado*

Offering/Ofrenda

*Joy To The World / Al Mundo Gozo Proclamad*

John/Juan 12:12-19 Rosario Gibbs

Jesus, My King  
Jesús, Mi Rey

Vini Montesdeoca

*On Bended Knee / De Rodillas Vengo a Ti*

Benediction: Jude/Judas 24-25

Worship Leader Tim Archer

*If you would like to have someone pray with you, or for you, please make your way to Room 101 at the end of service where there are UCC elders waiting just for you.*

*Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

## REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
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Today is Palm Sunday, so we remember Jesus' climactic arrival in Jerusalem, just hours before his death. Next Sunday is Easter! Today is also Unity Sunday here at UCC. Two or three times each year, we set aside a day to gather as one church with our bilingual brothers and sisters, worshiping in both Spanish and English. Vini Montesdeoca will be preaching for us today. Our worship leader is Tim Archer. Don't forget our all-Church potluck following worship today in the MAC.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today, our adult classes are in Week 13 of our series *Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life*. Today's lesson is *Creating*. Next week we will suspend all our classes and gather at 9 a.m. in the MAC for Easter Breakfast!

**LTC Showcase is Tonight!** Join us in the chapel at 5 p.m. to encourage our young people who have been preparing for weeks for next weekend's Leadership Training for Christ event in Dallas. Eric Lemmons (and many of our kids) will be our hosts this evening.

**CONNECT.** This Wednesday we host one of our CONNECT inter-generational nights in the MAC at 7 p.m. These are always fun and encouraging. Show up for our Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 p.m. (Mexican food), then stick around for some worship and table activities focusing on the theme *Baptism Stories*. Please try to sit at a table with people of other age groups or people you don't know well.

**Easter Sunrise** includes a *Time of Remembrance* for family and friends we have lost to death since last Easter. If you have names of special people you would like us to recognize next Sunday morning, send them to the office before Wednesday, March 17.

**Russia Work.** I leave today for a board meeting tomorrow in Dallas. I will be with our brother Igor Egirev and other major supporters of the work in St. Petersburg. I will bring your UCC greetings to Igor!

## CALENDAR NOTES

April 17 - Wednesday Intergenerational CONNECT (MAC 7 p.m.)

April 21- Easter Sunday

8 a.m. - Sunrise Service in the Courtyard

9 a.m. - Easter Breakfast in the MAC

10 a.m. - Easter Worship

11:15 a.m. - Egg Hunt for Children

## NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

**ATTENDANCE: April 7, 2019**

Worship - 295 Silver Springs - 41

Bilingual - 67 Northern Oaks - 28

5 p.m. - 40 Bright Pointe - 13

Coronado - 58 Chisholm Place - 10

## OFFERING:

April 7 \$18,082.71

## CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

## WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**D6 Summer on Wednesday nights:** If you missed our gathering last Sunday evening to discuss our theme for D6 summer, we missed you. I am asking families to make a commitment to lead their family this summer in practicing spiritual disciplines. To do this, we looked at a list and personally decided which two spiritual disciplines we are willing to commit to for 21 days. This will help develop the habit of the discipline we would like to make part of our life. The list included the following: reading the Bible, prayer, worship, fasting/unplugging, service, journaling, rest/sabbath, confession, meditate on God, celebration, guidance, submission, eating meals around the dinner table regularly.

We will meet again on **Sunday evening, May 5** for more discussion as we prepare for our Wednesday nights together this summer. Families will be given a devotional book to help guide their hearts and minds as they develop their spiritual disciplines for their family. Families that attended last night are already on the list for a book. If your family is willing to make the commitment, please let me know. Thank you!

**Easter Egg Hunt:** On Easter Sunday we will have an egg hunt following service. Please bring a dozen filled eggs for each child that will participate. Easter boxes to collect the eggs are located throughout the building. **Please make sure candy is wrapped and the egg taped shut if it does not stay closed.**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Pablo Sanabria**, Campus Intern  
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**Class:** Join us for class every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in classroom MAC 503 as we go through a book about spiritual communal practices.

**Dwelling Place:** A time of dinner, fellowship and worship. We meet Sundays at 6:15 p.m. (MAC 503).

**Community Group:** Our small group meets every Thursday nights at the Gibbs' house at 7 p.m. Join us for a time of fellowship and growth while we are studying the Sermon on the Mount!

## 20's & 30's

**Bradley Steele**, Associate Minister  
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Don't forget to join us for class on **Sunday** mornings at 9 a.m. in MAC 504.

**Tonight**, check Facebook for more details.

**Wednesday**, we will meet at 7 p.m. for coffee, dessert and Bible study in MAC 504.

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
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**Tonight**, come support our kids at the LTC showcase at 5 p.m. in the Chapel and a potluck in the Family Room afterwards.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Next Sunday**, join us at Grover Nelson Park at 5 p.m. for our Easter Celebration.

**On April 26** we are having the second part of our Relationship Seminar in the Family Room at 6 p.m.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Today**, we will have an **ALL CHURCH POTLUCK** in the MAC right after service. The Church will provide the meat. If your last name starts with A-M please bring Salads or Sides and last names starting from N-Z please bring desserts. Hope you can all join us!

This afternoon from 2-3:30 p.m. you are invited to attend a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Kate Bacon**, bride-elect of Jay Ashby at Sylvia McCaleb's home on Selections: Dillard's, Target, Pottery Barn and Amazon.

To the University Church, As I leave Abilene to live in Austin I want to tell you how much you have influenced my life for many years. You have encouraged me to teach classes, love the Lord, and be a kind, loving person. Thank you for all of the love you have given me. May the Lord bless you. In Love, **Jody Decker**.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**DEEP & WIDE Today:** Join us today from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will resume **DEEP** (our Bible study of the Gospel of John) from 4-5 p.m. and then move **WIDE** from 5-7:30 p.m. as we go over to encourage those who are participating in LTC before returning to the Youth Center for some fun and food. We'll be having Mexican stack/nachos for dinner, so bring \$2 to help cover the cost of food.

**CONNECT on Wednesday Night:** All Huddles will be joining the rest of the church for **CONNECT** on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. for an inter-generational time of sharing. Please make plans to join us.

**Spring Youth Retreat:** Our Spring Youth Retreat will be **May 3-5** and our theme is CLIMB. All paperwork is due by April 28 and the cost is only \$25! We are trying something new this year and will be staying in tents (most of us) and "roughing it" at the Southward ranch in Glen Rose for the weekend. I know some of you have ended up having activities on Saturday morning, so we have moved our amazing climbing activity at Siloville in Hico to Saturday night to hopefully accommodate most of your schedules and can perhaps get a vehicle to help transport everyone from Abilene. At Siloville, besides having options to climb to the top of a 60+ foot converted silo, there will be other fun activities available for those who don't want to climb high or medium or low. We just want you to come with us! The idea behind CLIMB is simply learning how to make a spiritual ascent to God. It takes work and great intention but He is waiting for each of us to join him on the mountain or in the wilderness. Paperwork is now on the Youth Center desk and has been emailed out.

**Special UYM REEL Faith, APRIL 28:** Before our retreat, we will have a retreat-themed REEL Faith using the amazing documentary film *Free Solo* (PG-13 but edited for content). While not mandatory, it is important for you to try to attend if you are planning to go on the retreat with us. It will be good for those not going on the retreat too. I can't do the film justice with a short description, so go watch the trailer for a sense of the movie. It is about a man who is preparing for one of the most difficult climbs, but without any climbing gear. We see why he wants to do it, how he trains and prepares for it, the dangers and fears he faces, people he consults with along the way and the progression of his journey as a climber from a young age. It is a powerful and tense film that we all need to see. All are welcome so let's fill our theater.

**Senior Sunday Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, April 28**, we will have a meeting for anyone (youth group parent or not) who is willing to help organize our **Senior Sunday festivities, May 19**. We will discuss the day's plans and divvy up responsibilities for making this a special day for our graduating high school students.

**HS Mission Trip:** Is set for **July 12-20** in Nashville, Tennessee. We will be working with the Nashville Inner City Ministry for the week. Total trip cost and more details will be coming soon but as usual, the cost will be quite reasonable, so that everyone will be able to attend. If you are an adult who would be interested in attending with us (and maybe even helping drive a van) please let Jason know as soon as possible.