

# April

I am thankful for this time each year as we walk through the season of Lent towards Holy Week and Easter. Walking this path together, we attempt to closely look into the mirror of our own lives as we hope to envision our relationship with Jesus. In the past weeks we have been guided by a theme that has allowed several different angles into our lives including – Temptation, Suffering, Betrayal, and Relationships. All of these are ***In View of God's Mercy***. This simple phrase comes to us from Paul's letter to the Romans ...



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, **in view of God's mercy**, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12.1 (NIV)

This has been a meaningful journey and I am aware that these times of worship and even our Wednesday Bible studies have triggered personal thoughts, feelings, and conversations for many. Thanks to all who have worshiped with us in person and for those who participate online. We are also thankful that we have been welcoming guests each week as well.

Sunday, April 10, is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We will



## Holy Week

continue with our Lenten theme through this week. The entry into Jerusalem by Jesus and those who greeted him leads us into a time when we can reflect on God's Mercy that we each receive. Our schedule for that week will include a Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM when we will share communion, scripture, and the extinguishing lighted candles – a Tenebrae service. On Good Friday, a Way of the Cross Walk will begin at Christ Church Episcopal at noon. Those gathered will then process to the Green, Wesley UMC, The Presbyterian Church, People's Church, DSU Downtown Chapel on Division where the college choir will sing outside with chairs provided and conclude at Mt. Zion AME. Following a cross through the streets of Dover, prayers will be offered at each stop.

Resurrection Sunday – Easter, April 17, will begin with a Sunrise Service at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall followed by a light breakfast. Our Easter Celebration service will be at 11 AM as we realize how we have received God's mercy through the Open Tomb. Please plan to join us for any or all the services during this meaningful journey as we are reminded of this ...

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2.9-10 (NRSV)

In the Peace and Hope of Christ,  
Rev. Dan Taylor