

## MUSIC OF MINISTRY (C)

SERMON "Get up and Pray" Pastor Jenny Lee

### We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

God of light, whose majesty transcends all earthly powers and brings to naught the pretensions of all who rule in shadows, walk with us through the cruelty of temptation and denial and betrayal and bitter weeping, that we may not falter or lose hope, but rather witness to the world that Jesus Christ is the Savior. Draw us into humble obedience and steadfast devotion by your grace, that your ways may be honored among us and be shared with all your children. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND

OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

Loving God, we recognize that we lack nothing we really need. When we ask that your will be done, our vision is stretched beyond our immediate situation. We are thankful that we can give in Jesus' name. We are grateful that our wealth can ease the hunger of our sisters and brothers. We celebrate the promise that lies beyond the cross. Bless the offerings we bring. Amen!

### We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

\*CLOSING HYMN *Were You There* UMH 288 (vs. 1 & 2)

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

\*POSTLUDE

Worship Resources "Gathered by Love" by Lavon Bayler.

# Upper St. Croix Parish

**ONE Parish THREE Churches:**  
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls  
April 10th, 2022  
"Palm/Passion Sunday"



**The United Methodist Church**

8:30 AM at Central-Grantsburg with Online Zoom Service

9:45 AM at Atlas

11:15 AM at St. Croix Falls with Online Zoom Service

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\*Please stand if you are able.

**\*PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*“Peace be with you”*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**CELEBRATE THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (Luke 19:28-40)**

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They said, “The Lord needs it.” 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**\*OPENING HYMN**     *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**UMH 278 (vs. 1 & 3)**

**OPENING PRAYER**     Unison     **(UMH 281)**

**Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**UMH 191 (vs. 1)**

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 22:31-46**

31 “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” 33 And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” 34 Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

35 He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” 36 He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. 37 For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.” 38 They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

39 He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. 40 When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” 41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” [[43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] 45 When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

# APRIL CHURCH MISSIONS

## ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Peggy Frederickson

<p><b>INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:</b></p> <p>Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year round.</p> 	<p><b>Support Loaves &amp; Fishes Food Pantry</b></p> 	<p><b>SUPPORT UKRAINE</b></p>  <p>Funds collected will be sent to UMCOR to help Ukraine.</p>
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## GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

<p><b>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</b></p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p> 	<p>Donations will be sent to UMCOR to support the people of Ukraine.</p> 
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## ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

 <p><b>Food Shelf</b></p> <p>(Communion Sunday)</p>	<p><b>Sailor Hat Offering:</b></p> <p>April's Sailor hat offering will go to support UKRAINE.</p> 
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Thank you for your support!

# TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People  
*Pastor Jenny Lee*

## Today's Service

**Central:**

Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	Toni Koons
Snow Removal	Stan Chute
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland
Fellowship	Paulie Kratchmer
Counter	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Cleaning	Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Sunday School	Younger/Older LuAnne Martell/Barb Loomis

**Atlas:**

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Sue Olson
Usher(s)	Don Schween
Cleaning	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Sunday school	Younger/Older Josie Grimes/Colleen Adams-Schween

## St. Croix Falls:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Jim Andrews
Usher(s)	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Kathy Gionis



## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

"This kind can come out only by prayer" (Mark 9:29)  
Please pray every morning at 8:30, if you are able!

*"Please pray for Ukraine, and its people and its leaders!"*

## PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:15am.** The link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.  
Click the LINK to Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84147808460?pwd=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFlIZz09>  
Phone: +1 312 626 6799,  
Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at [upperstcroixparish.org](http://upperstcroixparish.org) under Sermons!
- 3) You can hear “the service by Phone,” whenever you are able by calling 1-715-298-0854.
- 4) You may watch a recorded video of the service on our parish Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC>

## This Week’s Calendar:

Today: Palm/Passion Sunday! Let us open our mouths and praise the Lord!

*\*We have 2022 signup sheets for volunteers. Please find a spot where you can be a part of the church. We are the church, which is growing in faith together.*

*\* Thank you all who joined and supported the Lenten Bible Study and Lenten Craft Group Gatherings. All sessions went well. Praise the Lord!*

## Sunday Worship Service:

4/10: 8:30 am Grantsburg with Zoom  
9:45 am Atlas  
11:15 am St. Croix Falls with Zoom

4/10: 2:30 pm, Pastor Jenny is going to preach at Korean Grace fellowship in Superior

4/13: 6:30 pm, confirmation class (G)

4/14: 5:30pm, Maundy Thursday service and Soup Supper at (G). All are welcomed!

4/16: 1:00 pm, Holy Saturday Event at Atlas Park: Egg hunt, craft, outdoor games, celebration of Lenten Bible study, and burning prayer cards (please bring your prayer cards on that day. If you cannot make it, please send your prayers to pastor Jenny so she can pray and burn them. Snacks and beverage are provided.)

## This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Carol Alderman 4/14  
Olivia McNally 4/14  
Judy Lien 4/16  
Toni Koons 4/16



## Next Sunday (Easter, April 17th) Volunteers:

Ministers All God’s People  
*Pastor Jenny Lee*

### Central:

Pianist Toni Koons  
Liturgist *Volunteer Needed*  
Snow Removal Stan Chute  
Acolyte(s) Willow Nyland  
Fellowship *Volunteer Needed*  
Counter *Volunteer Needed*  
Cleaning Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson  
Sunday School Younger/Older  
LuAnne Martell/ Barb Loomis

### Atlas:

Pianist Sharon Asp  
Liturgist Sue Olson  
Usher(s) *Volunteer Needed*  
Cleaning *Volunteer Needed*  
Sunday School Younger/Older  
*Volunteer Needed*

### St. Croix Falls:

Pianist Sharon Asp  
Liturgist Jim Andrews  
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Bell Ringer Jim Sciacca  
Flowers Kathy Gionis  
Fellowship Ad Council Members (3rd Sunday)



## UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH’S HOLY WEEK’S EVENTS

4/10: PALM SUNDAY

4/13: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AND SOUP SUPPER (5:30 PM, G)

4/15: NO GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

4/16: HOLY SATURDAY EVENT (1PM, ATLAS PARK)

4/17: EASTER SUNDAY (EASTER BREAKFAST, AT 9:20 AM, G)



April 10th, 2022  
Luke 22:31-46

Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.  
Upper St. Croix Parish UMC

### **“Get up and Pray”**

I want to start with something funny. I heard this story from an internet site. A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a parking meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.” When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note; “I've circled this block for ten years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.”

Today is Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. When we hear or talk about Palm/Passion Sunday, usually, we imagine waving palm branches to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into the Jerusalem Temple. Rather, we should meditate on the passion of Jesus Christ. But, there are significant symbols on both sides, “Palm and Passion,” as we have both sides of our hands, the palm and back. It is like a symbol of Christ's life: The glory and death as the Messiah the Savior; He was welcomed and rejected: He was dead and resurrected. Also, “Palm and Passion Sunday” symbolizes Christians who welcome Jesus or betray him. We may accept Jesus as our Savior and try to follow him and his teaching, but we may betray him at certain points in our lives. And later on, we may come back as if we were flipping the palms of our hands. We may welcome and praise the Lord with the palm of our hands or reject him with the back of our hands. If you imagine the gestures of our hands for welcoming or rejecting, it helps to understand what I'm talking about. It might also be a symbol of Christians' lives where there are times of repeated suffering and joy because of Jesus and keeping faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have to pray. Today, I want to talk about “when and how to get up and pray” to avoid temptation.

We know we, Christians, shall always rejoice, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances because it is God's will in Jesus Christ. We can always rejoice because of the salvation of Jesus, and we can give thanks in all circumstances because of God's forgiveness and love. However, is it possible that we can always rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances without God's help? Is it possible to keep in faith in all circumstances without prayer? So, our prayers should be included in God's will for us in Jesus Christ, so “Pray continually.” “Joy,” “gratitude,” and “prayer” are no doubt the characteristics of Christians. If you don't have “joy,” “gratitude,” and “prayer” in your lives, you may not be a Christian. As John Wesley said, “prayer is a means of grace,” without prayer, we may not receive God's grace. In other words, we may not know a “real joyful life of salvation” and “gratitude for the forgiveness of our sins” without the grace of God. In order to know God's Will in our everyday life and live it out more joyfully and thankfully, we should pray continually. Furthermore, we need to pray to grow in faith closer to Christlikeness and not to come into temptation in every situation. Again, we have to pray that we do not fall into temptation in every case. The Apostle Paul says, “If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12).



Today's scripture shows us when and how we should pray. Jesus came into Jerusalem, the final stage of his mission, riding a colt and surrounded by many crowds. And he had the last supper with his disciples. However, nobody knew what would be going on with Jesus. Instead, his disciples expected Jesus would be the king of Jews and the world, and then they argued about who would get the right position and left position of the king Jesus (Luke 22:24). Jesus was concerned about his disciples and prayed for them not to fall into temptation. We may call Peter the best disciple, and Catholic Christians admire him as the greatest saint. However, he also caused Jesus concern and Jesus prayed for him because Peter was in a moment of temptation. Jesus said, "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." Simon Peter confidently said to Jesus, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Peter, who spoke to Jesus confidently, denied he didn't know Jesus three times when Jesus was arrested. As Jesus prophesied, "You will deny three times that you know me before the rooster crows today," he did deny him. After he denied him three times saying that he didn't know Jesus, Peter heard the rooster crow, and he remembered what Jesus said to him. And he went outside and wept bitterly. The Disciple Peter, who has experienced temptation, says, "Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary, the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). It is time to get up and pray; pray for you and your family and your brothers and sisters. Be careful of things of evil in the world. Otherwise, they may swallow you and your loved ones.

As you may know, if you are going to be tempted by evil things, you cannot make your brothers and sisters stronger. As Jesus told Peter, "I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." When you turn back to gain strength, you may help others. When I got sick during my vacation, it delayed me getting back to work. I was so concerned about my tasks and the things I had to do. Meanwhile, many faith family members sent me prayers through texts, emails, and cards. All were enough to encourage me. One thing that touched my heart deeply was a text message saying, "We are all Ok so take care of yourself first. As they say, put on your oxygen mask first so you can save others." It is true if I feel weak, or going to be dying, how I can help others. First, we pray for ourselves to gain strength, bind with Jesus Christ, and hook others up from the world's ocean into the boat of life.

Sometimes we have confidence in our faith. However, remember the Apostle Paul's saying, "If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). So, we have to pray now and always whether we have time or not. As we see in verse 39, Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives to pray. Jesus prayed like his custom, "always" and "continually." And, he asked his disciples, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Jesus' prayers are continued at the Mount of Olives, at the Gethsemane, and even on the cross. He prayed for himself, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup [the death on the cross] from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." An angel came and gave him strength. Jesus' prayers in anguish went more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. While Jesus prayed like the falling sweat droplets of blood, his disciples were sleeping. Jesus said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Jesus may say today, "get up and pray, gain strength first, and help others." Prayers are a great tool to communicate with God. Jesus said, "whatever you ask in my name, I will do" (John 14:13). Prayer is a great opportunity to ask God to make things happen for us. It is time to pray. Don't miss this great opportunity. Thanks be to God. Amen!

# ATLAS UMC

## EASTER CRAFT & BAKE SALE



Saturday, April 9th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Atlas United Methodist Church

Downtown Atlas ~ 2110 295th Avenue ~ County Road B

Spring is almost here! Stop by and shop a variety of wonderful homemade treats and crafts-they will make great Easter basket stuffers and gifts!

Goodies of All Kinds!

Breads \* Bars \* Cookies \* Candies \* Cupcakes \* Jellies  
Homemade Crafts



# Upper St. Croix Parish's Holy Week Events



## Palm Sunday-April 10, 2022

**Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches.**



## Maundy Thursday-April 14, 2022

**Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Service at 5:30 pm followed by a Soup Supper at Central-Grantsburg UMC**



## Good Friday-April 15, 2022

**Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. There will be no service for Good Friday.**



## Holy Saturday-April 16, 2022

**Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. We will be holding a Holy Saturday Event at Atlas Park at 1:00 pm. There will be an Egg Hunt, celebration of the Lenten Bible Study, Crafts, Outdoor Games and Burning of Prayer Cards.**



## Easter Sunday-April 17, 2022

**Hallelujah! Christ Has Risen! This is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!**

**9:20 am Easter Breakfast at Central-Grantsburg UMC.**

*Services: 8:30 am Grantsburg (with Zoom), 9:45 am Atlas, 11:15 am St. Croix Falls (with Zoom)*