

Welcome

Gathering Prayer

**Holy God, in this season of contemplation, help us to see the ways you have revealed your kingdom in Jesus, who walked among us without fear even as he was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence, his power, and his love. Amen.**

Sung Response

**Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Scripture      Psalm 23 (responsively)  
                    John 19:1-16a

Sermon

Hymn      I Want Jesus to Go with Me      #490

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity – One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering Song

**All praise to the Father  
from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, the Chosen One,  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayer of Dedication

**The gifts we offer we give out of faith and trust in  
the goodness of God and in the abundance of  
creation. Generosity conquers our fear. May our  
gifts bring healing and peace to the world as they  
give joy to all who give. Amen.**

Announcements

Hymn            How Firm a Foundation    #407  
Blessing

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*I have learned over the years that when one's mind is  
made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be  
done does away with fear.*

*- Rosa Parks*

*I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my  
ship.*

*- Louisa May Alcott*

*Even death is not to be feared by one who has lived  
wisely.*

*- Buddha*

**Keep in Prayer**

Pastor Wayne, Lewis Poths, Linda Stark,  
Rollie Homan,  
Jane Sanders & Bob Sanders  
(sister & brother of Jean King),  
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Carol

**Offering:** May be left in the basket in the back.

**Announcements**

**Worship Sponsor:** Gary & Holly Valko  
In celebration of Scott Mercer's birthday

**Easter Flowers** order forms are in back.  
Turn in with payment to Melissa.

**Spring Yard Cleanup**, Sunday, Mar. 22 after worship

**Palm Sunday**, March 29  
with Sunday school Palm Parade  
Kids gather in sanctuary 9:45.

**Maundy Thursday Worship**, April 2, 7pm

**Easter Sunday**, April 5, 9:00am  
**Easter Breakfast & S.S. Egg Hunt** after worship

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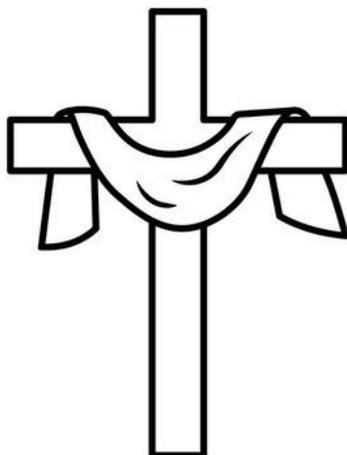
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**Monroeville United Church of Christ**

*Changing Lives to Change the World*



**Season of Lent**  
**March 22, 2026**

Psalm 23

*A Psalm of assurance*

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<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley,**

**I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

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**all the days of my life,  
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