

# ***Utica United Methodist Church***

**April 14, 2019**  
**“Palm Sunday”**  
**9:30 AM Worship**



## **Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God “A Time for Every Matter”**

I invite you to a deep breath...

*[take a moment to breathe in and out slowly]*

If you have a watch on, I invite you to take it off for this hour of worship.

If you have a phone, I invite you to turn it off or put it away now. If that makes you very anxious, that’s OK—maybe next week you’ll be able to do it.

Just notice the feeling and give it some thought. Let these simple acts (or maybe not-so-simple acts) be a sign of the commitment to give ourselves a break, to give ourselves just an hour to catch our breath, to give our selves time to give God attention.

### **Taking a Breather**

As we gather together, we will use the first part of our service to slow down, to settle our souls so that we might reconnect with an unhurried God.

**Prelude**

**“All Glory, Laud and Honor”  
The Gosbells**

**Slow It Down**

**Screen**

**Prayer for Clearing Out**

**Screen**

**Song of Praise**

**“Pave the Way with Branches”  
Chris Heldt & Children**

**Screen**

### **Taking Note**

The second part of our service invites us to “take note” of what God is saying to us this day through the children, through music, through offering and through the sermon.

**Greeting One Another**

**Invitation to Children’s Time**

*[the children are invited forward toward the end of the peace and music begins under the invitation. The people sing as the children come forward and as the adults settle into their seats]*

**Hymn**

**“Take Time to Be Holy”**

**395 vs. 1**

**Children's Time**

At this time, all children are invited to come forward. After which, children ages 3 through Youth will leave for Sunday school.

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 2: 21-28**

## Offertory Prayer

**The Ministry of Music**    **“Canticle of Praise”**  
**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**  
The Gosbells

**Offertory Response** **Screen**

**Message**                    **“Give it a Rest”**  
Rev. Don Gotham

### **Taking Care**

The third part of our service is our response to having listened for God’s word. We “take care” to focus through prayer on what’s really important, really essential, to lives lived with depth.

**“Time Out” in the Prayer Chair** **Screen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Taking It Out**

The final movement of our service is a time of committing to take a bit of this serenity and peace out into the busy world. We are reminded to “keep the main thing the main thing.”

**Closing Song**            **“What Wondrous Love is This?”**            **292**

(bring petitions forward and place in the “God Box”)

**\*Blessing for the Unhurried Life - Benediction**

**\*Closing Song** **Screen**

(\*Stand if able)

**The Altar flowers today are given by:  
Pam Palmer in memory of her mother Katie Lemp;  
David Clark in memory of his mother  
Margret Clark; and by Marge & Ken Kelly in honor  
of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.**

Would you like to order flowers for a special Sunday? Call the church office to order your vase.

**Flowers are available throughout the year.**

### **Outreach**

#### **Loose Change**

Loose change received for April will be donated to our food pantry.

#### **Shopping Cart Donations**

All shopping cart donations go to support our own food pantry here at Utica UMC. All items are welcome (no expired food please).

Thank you for supporting those in need.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **DEADLINES**

Items for the **Prayer List** and **The Weekly Messenger** are due by the end of business hours on Wednesday of each week.

Information received after that will be added the following week.

### **Aiding in Worship Today**

#### **Liturgist**

Cathie Parker

#### **Greeter**

Welcoming Team

#### **Children's Message**

Peggy Miller

#### **Child Care Provider**

Caitlyn Wilson & helpers

#### **Ushers**

David Clark - Jim Price

Gary Taylor - Andrew Lawson

#### **Prayer & Healing Ministers**

Del & June White

#### **Coffee Hour**

Stephen Ministry