

# **Worship & Music Committee meeting (online: via Zoom) Apr. 6, 2025**

Present: Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Sherry Scheider, LaVon Downing, Carolyn Ciaccio, and Susie Smalley

We opened with a discussion about the parable of the prodigal son and with whom we each identify.

## **Old Business:**

- † **minutes from last month:** minutes were approved.
- † **altar flowers:** no flowers during Lent, but we will need them for April 20 (Easter) and beyond.
- † **accompanist** - Danny Summers has been doing a great job. He's been doing every Sunday, apart from one, since Richard left. As we discussed last month: because of how busy Lent and Holy Week is, we will talk about advertising for a new music director after Easter.
- † **Wednesday Holden Eve. prayer services:** Danny Summers has been, and will continue to be, the accompanist for all the Holden Evening Prayer services this year. Karen Dolan and Susie Smalley are the song leaders. Zoom is being handled by Noah Chatfield.  
The Midweek Lenten Sermon series: Women Followers of Jesus - "Jesus' Unnamed or Little-Known Followers," is given by Deacon Cheryl every week.

## **New Business:**

- † **flowers for Easter:** Sherry will order tulips in a variety of colors (with gold foil) by April 4<sup>th</sup>..
- † **Palm Sunday (April 13, 2025):** There were 56 in attendance last year
  - purple paraments
  - "Come Unto Me" banner
  - purple swags

We will gather in the narthex where palms, bulletins, and Luke Gospel readings will be handed out, and then process to the sanctuary while singing "All Glory Laud and Honor".
- † **Maundy Thursday (April 17, 2025), 7 pm:** 18 in attendance last year,
  - start and end service in silence
  - purple paraments and banner (black with Chalice and Cross/purple circle, and crown of thorns) no swags
  - a display of foot washing elements will be placed in front of the Baptismal Font
  - Laying on of Hands by Pastor Nielsen
  - during the stripping of the altar, Psalm 88 will be sung by Deacon Cheryl
  - Sherry will arrange for people to strip the altar
  - ushers will need to be scheduled
- † **Good Friday (April 18, 2025), 7 pm:** 24 in attendance last year
  - no paraments, banners, or swags
  - start and end service in silence
  - psalm 22 will be sung by Dn. Cheryl & the congregation, responsively
  - bidding prayers replacing the intercessional prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer
  - procession of the 'old rugged cross' - "Behold, the life-giving cross..." will be **spoken**.
    - anyone who wants to reverence the cross may go forward at that time during service

Danny can't accompany Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, so Carol Ostrom will play Maundy Thursday and Bob Leonhardt will play Good Friday.

† **butterflies hung & Easter tulips arranged (April 19, 2025, 9am):** We decided we will leave the butterflies up for four Sundays (through Mother's Day). They will be taken down the subsequent Saturday (May 17<sup>th</sup>).

† **Easter:** 82 in attendance last year

- gold paraments
- banner: butterfly with "HE LIVES"
- gold swags
- we will use the pitcher to fill the Baptismal Font on Easter Sunday
- no "special music" scheduled yet - Cheryl asked Susie if she could ask her children if they wanted to sing; Susie said she will ask, and if they can't, perhaps Karen & she could do something. Dn. Cheryl will also reach out to Nevagay Abel.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025** (one week later than normal) **at 10:00am, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley