

# Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Palm/Passion Sunday)

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*"The devil led [Jesus] up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"*

(Luke 4:5-8, NIV)

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Let us ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name and bring an offering before Him.

**P: Come, let us worship and praise the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.**

L: "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;"

**P: "For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."**

L: The devil deceitfully offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would worship him.

**P: Like Jesus, we affirm the written Word and will worship the Lord our God and serve Him only.**

**\*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

# 73

"O Worship the King"

**\*The Apostles Creed**

# 881

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 13-15

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

Pastor 'Debo

**HYMN**

"At the Name of Jesus"

# 168

**OUR TIME OF PRAYER**

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER** (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

# 895

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Come, Let Us Worship & Bow Down"  
Jackie Howard, piano

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 4:8-11

**MESSAGE**

Pastor 'Debo

**Week # 3 of It Is Written - Worship & Serve The Lord Only**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

# 278

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*For those who are able, please stand.

## Week At A Glance:

### Wednesday, April 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Mt. Zion GMC)

### Friday, April 18, 2025

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Mt. Zion GMC)

### Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

## **CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL 2025**

### Birthdays

13 Max Smith

14 Diann Flowers

18 Sharon Layne

22 Gregg Witham

### Anniversaries

17 Charles & Kathy Shafer

## MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Custodian: Jeff Byerly

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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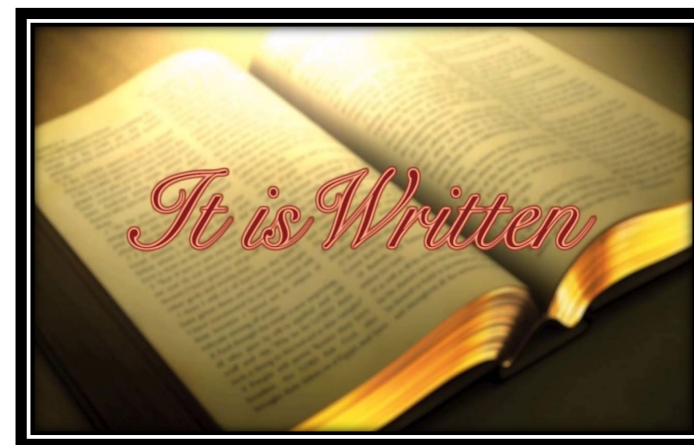
## Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

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Lancaster, OH 43130

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## **Week # 3: It Is Written–Worship & Serve The Lord Only**

Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

### **Sunday April 13 (Palm/Passion Sunday)**

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-12; Reflection Verses: Deuteronomy 6:8-9

“Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why is it important to write down God’s commandments and share with our children?

### **Monday in Holy Week April 14**

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:13-25; Reflection Verse: Deuteronomy 6:13

“Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What does it mean to fear the Lord and serve Him only?

### **Tuesday in Holy Week April 15**

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:14-28; Reflection Verse: Joshua 24:15

“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ...

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How committed are you to serving the Lord and teaching others to do the same?

### **Wednesday in Holy Week April 16**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:1-6; Reflection Verses: Psalm 1:1-2

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you find delight in the law of God? Do you meditate on God’s law day and night?

### **Maundy Thursday April 17**

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17; Reflection Verses: John 13:16-17

“Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What brings us blessings according to Jesus? Knowing or obeying God’s instruction?

### **Good Friday April 18**

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:1-47; Reflection Verses: Mark 15:37-39

“With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the significance of the curtain of the temple being torn in two from top to bottom?

### **Saturday in Holy Week April 19**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:57-66; Reflection Verses: Matthew 27:62-63

“The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Did the chief priests and Pharisees truly believe that Jesus would rise again? Why or why not? What was their motive for going to Pilate?

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**\*The Apostles' Creed**

# 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)**

**Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN**



## **Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 13-15**

### **Love the LORD Your God**

**6** These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup> so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup> Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

<sup>13</sup> Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. <sup>14</sup> Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; <sup>15</sup> for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

## **Matthew 4:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'<sup>[a]</sup>"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.