

<b>CHURCH FINANCE'S</b>	
Last Sunday's Attendance	48
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,223
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$1,181>
Offering YTD	\$32,191
Difference to Offering YTD	\$3,342

\* **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex

\* **Listening devices are available upon request**

\* **Church Directory** - The church directory is available by request from the church office.

\* **Interested in becoming a church member?** Please talk to Pastor Joseph

\* **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.

\* **No Coffee Hour today.**

\* Sign up to host future Coffee Hour's in the Narthex.

\* **No Kids Own Worship today. Children will return to their families after the children's message.**

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

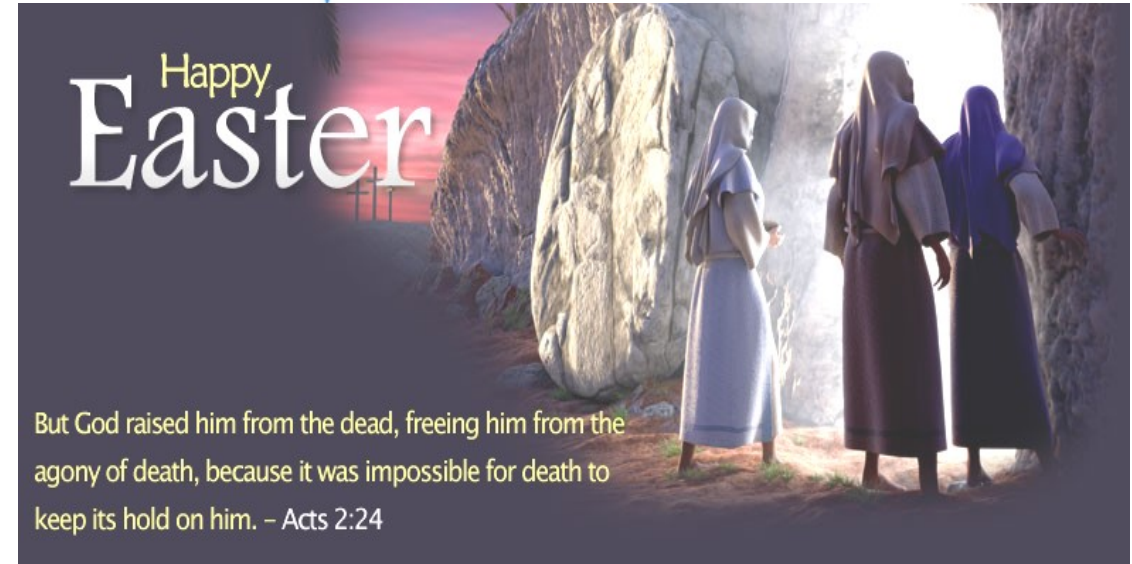
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**Elders**

Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



## Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Sunday, March 31st, 2024

**The Triumph of Barabbas**

Matthew 27:11-26

**Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor**

*A Sanctuary of Worship*

*A School of Religious Education*

*A Church Home with Open Doors*



# Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC

## Order of Worship

March 31st, 2024

*Please take a moment to fill out pew pads*



### Sermon Notes

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### Responsive Greeting:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

L: He is Risen!

A: He is Risen, Indeed!

### Responsive Call To Worship: (Mark 16:2-6a)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

LEADER: And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another,

**ALL: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"**

LEADER: And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back-- it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

**ALL: And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here."**

### \*Hymn of Praise:

#357 Christ Arose

### \*Prayer of Adoration:

Randy Richard

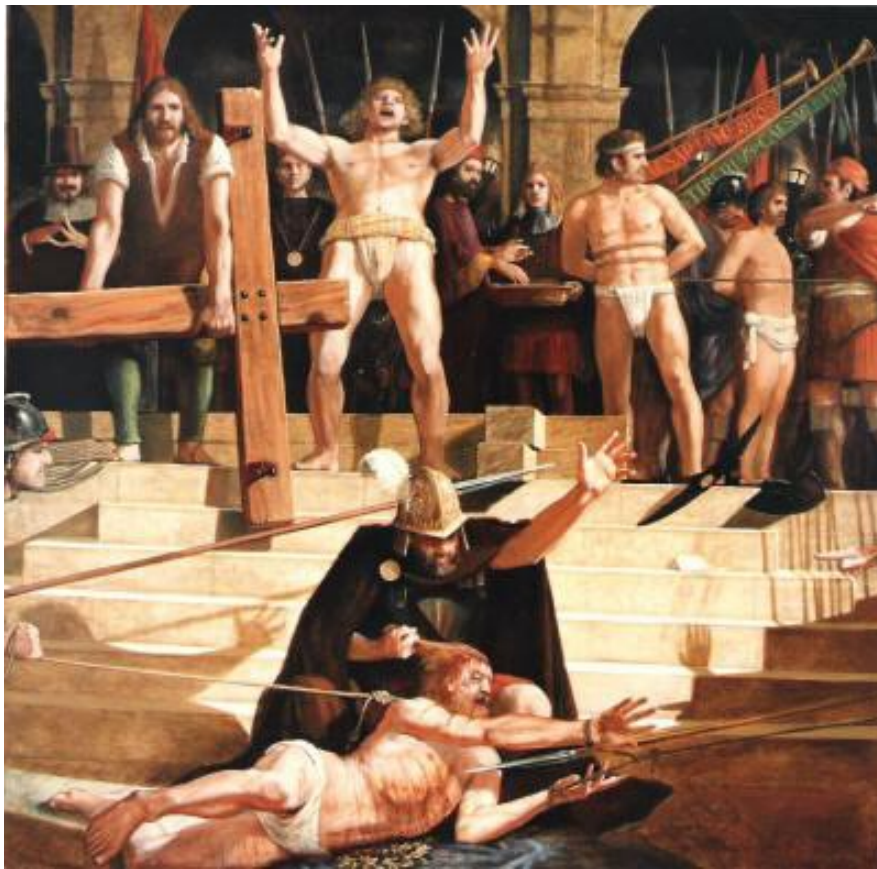
### Call to Confession: (Isaiah 53:3-6)

Randy Richard

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## The Triumph of Barabbas

A burst of light on this canvas conveys the brutality that invades the painting. In fact, the theme carried across the pigments dramatizes brutality. To accentuate the profound cruelty of the piece outlining the final hours of Jesus' life, the composition is set slightly off-balance by an incline along the ground line.



The freed Barabbas towers over the beaten Christ, who lies bloody under the hand of the Roman soldier. This criminal, Barabbas, symbolizes every man according to the artist. Barabbas's expression and poise embody the full liberation of the sinful life of the senses common to mankind. He sheds himself of all moral responsibility. The people think they have punished Christ and done away with an ultimate standard of truth, just as modern philosophies of today teach. Christ, on the other hand, who taught a life of duty and eternal values painfully bears the full weight of the moral responsibility that mankind has shed. The other two thieves who will be crucified with Jesus stand in the background.

Pilate washes his hands of the situation in back of Barabbas. The whole perspective of the painting points downward toward Christ, which leads to the upward perspective of Jesus on the cross.

### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(All)

God our beloved Father, we are the reason for the need of the Cross. We caused all of Jesus's pain and His suffering. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to believe and know that You have forgiven us through His wounds and by His blood. You gave Jesus for us as our propitiation of peace. Wash us, make us clean and whiter than snow. Turn us from our own way and preserve us on Your righteous path. Teach us to hate our sin. Bring us into the light of Your loving countenance. Take our sins and nail them to the Cross. Put Death to death and fill us with hope and confidence, believing that You will raise us up to new life in and with Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and the Holy LORD, forever. We pray this in the name about all names, Jesus. **AMEN**

### Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Randy Richard

### Assurance of Pardon: (Isaiah 53:7-12)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

### \*Song of Response:

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

### Offertory:

Lynnette Peffley and De Richard  
"Crown Him With Many Crowns," arr. by John Innes

### \*Song of Response:

#815 Doxology

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

### Children's Message:

*Kids come down to the left-side steps*

**Children are to return to the pews following the Children's Message**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

### Hymn of Preparation:

#358 Because He Lives

### The Word of God\*\*

**The Scripture Reading:** Matthew 27:11-26

**Sermon:** The Triumph of Barabbas

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (Phil. 2:1-11 KJV) (All)

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

### \*Sending Song:

#360 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

### Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

### Benediction Response:

#39 Hallelujah Chorus

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### LORD'S DAY 13

#### **33. Q. Why is he called God's only-begotten Son, since we also are children of God?**

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.<sup>1</sup> We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Jn 1:1-3, 14, 18; 3:16; Rom 8:32; Heb 1; 1 Jn 4:9.

<sup>2</sup> 2 Jn 1:12; Rom 8:14-17; Gal 4:6; Eph 1:5, 6.

#### **34. Q. Why do you call him our Lord?**

A. Because he has ransomed us, body and soul,<sup>1</sup> from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood,<sup>2</sup> and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Tim 2:5, 6.

<sup>2</sup> 1 Pet 1:18, 19.

<sup>3</sup> Col 1:13, 14; Heb 2:14, 15.



The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary are placed in Honor and Memory of our Congregation's loved ones.



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- Flowers given by Margret Baker, in Memory of Rev. James "Jim" Baker
  - Flowers given by the Bacquet Family, in Memory of Raymond & Betty Bacquet
  - Flowers given by Dana & Mark Constance, in Memory of Jim Constance
  - Flowers given by Judy Swartzmiller, in Memory of Levi & Mildred Berkey
  - Flowers given by Judy Swartzmiller, in Memory of Claude & Mary Swartzmiller
  - Flowers given by Margaret Martin, in Memory of Chester N. & Elizabeth B. McGrew
  - Flowers given by Margaret Martin, in Memory Dr. David McGrew
  - Flowers given by Leslie Lancy, in Memory her parents
  - Flowers given by Gage & Alli Dean. in Memory Michael & Sam McRobbie
  - Flowers given by Jodie Yerger, in Memory Rev. Dr. Jack High
  - Flowers given by Louise & Robert Barrett, in Memory Louise Bissman Brown
  - Flowers given by Joseph & Jodie Yerger, in Honor of Rev. Larry & Andrea Yerger
  - Flowers given by Joseph & Jodie Yerger, in Honor of Jonna High
  - Flowers given by Jan Smith, in Honor of Maxine Smith

*\*\*If you purchased a lily, please take it home with you after service today\*\**

### Sunday School

### Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in room 201. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten -2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.

**Prime Time** - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **Next meets on April 3rd**

**Spirit Seekers** - Meets every other Sunday at noon for lunch with the bible study afterwards. This study is for those in their 20's-50's and is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **Next meets on April 7th- We will begin our new study Truths We Confess by R.C. Sproul. Please read the Prefix and Chapter 1.**

**Kids O' the Kirk** - The companion youth group to Spirit Seekers. **Next meets on April 7th**



## Moment for Missions

The Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope initiative marks a pivotal shift to focusing on the core causes of poverty rather than treating the symptoms. Lack of job opportunities, unstable housing, and an underserved educational environment can all be major challenges for someone looking to lead a self-sustainable life.

With our help, people living in poverty can break the cycle of crisis and vulnerability and lead families down a path toward increased stability for years to come. It's a pathway of hope for current and future generations.

The Pathway of Hope approach includes:

- Catalyzing community collaboration in service of shared clients
- Providing targeted services to families with a desire to take action, changing life trajectories and increasing hope
- Moving families from crises and vulnerability to stability and eventually self-sufficiency, tracking family progress along the way
- Bringing all The Salvation Army's internal resources to bear, aligned to the goals of clients
- Focusing on hope as a measured outcome, which represents the distinctly relational, spiritual outcome that The Salvation Army seeks in the work it does



### This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

*Office hours are M-F 8am-noon*

Sunday, March 31st	10 am	Worship Service
Wednesday, April 3rd	12 pm	Staff Meeting
	4 pm	Prime Time
Thursday, April 4th	10 am	Prayer Group
Sunday, April 7th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Spirit Seekers

**Greeters Needed! - If you would like to serve as a greeter before Sunday Worship please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions see Tucker Bacquet.**

**Ye Young Gift Shop Committee - April 17th at 9am in Westminster**

**Congregational Care Committee Meeting - May 16th at 4:30 pm**

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## THE DISENCHANTMENT OF MODERNISM:

Truth, Goodness, and Beauty in  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

**When:**

*April 6th, 2024 at 9:45-11:00 A.M.*

**Where:**

*Community Room  
Richland County Public Library  
43 W 3rd Street  
Mansfield, OH 44903*

**Open to the Public**



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Find us on Facebook

Contact Caleb Satterfield for more information:  
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**Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 19th from 9am-4pm & Saturday, April 20th from 9am-12pm.**

We greatly need your donations of clean, slightly used clothing, household items, etc. Please bring them to Kirk Hall and place them on the shelves outside the rummage room door. We will close donations on Friday, April 12th. Set up will begin on Monday, April 15th at 6pm. Pizza will be served. It is vital for us to have folks who can lift and carry heavy boxes. We will continue setting up on Tuesday, at 9am. Help will be needed again after the sale closes at noon on Saturday. Sign up sheets for these times will be in the Narthex.

**All help will be Greatly Appreciated.**

Please call Diann Barnett at 419-756-8720 with any questions.

# PRAYER REQUEST

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

### **The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS**

Our American Freedoms  
Our Freedom to worship the LORD

### Prayers of Petition

Healing for Carol Nemeth  
Healing for Martha Ball  
Healing for Pat Olsen  
Healing for Dan Davis  
Healing for Beverly Urschel  
Healing for Joseph James  
Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourke  
Healing for Martha Montague  
Healing for Nik Stevens  
Healing for Edda Braun  
Healing for Agie  
Healing for Janis Gibbs  
Healing for Ryan Christman  
Family & friends of David Doerr, in mourning  
Sellards Family  
Diana Hammer & family  
Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin  
Maxine Smith  
Don Harding  
Sally and Bill Wyatt  
Ms. Vivian Stevens  
Elizabeth Arthur  
Patsy Himes  
Jim Standridge  
Hazel Bigner & family  
Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice  
Maureen Doherty  
Mark Doherty  
Kaelin Scott  
The Thomassen Family  
James Willis  
Brandi Coe  
Family & friends of Caroline Ruth, in mourning  
Eurobrass  
Chris and Emily Carpenter and family  
EduNations and its students  
**Over**——>

# PRAYER REQUEST

My Village Ministries

[www.myvillageministries.com](http://www.myvillageministries.com)

Families & children of the Sudan  
Our Congregation  
Pastor Joseph & Jodie  
Shawn Wade & Our Preschool  
For Our City, Our Nation & Civic Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)  
Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City Councilman, 3rd Ward  
Mayor Jodie Perry  
First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)  
All Christians being persecuted around the globe  
For Revival in our city, state & county  
Palestinian Christians  
Jerusalem and all those in harms way  
For everyone else not listed, but also in need of prayer  
The Youth of Richland County

## YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:

3/8

Ricky  
Healing & strength for Sally Oswalt  
Healing & strength for Lanny Reader  
Healing & strength for Jack Cowell  
Healing for Jeff  
Healing & strength for Tom  
Healing & strength for James  
Dave, in need of kidney transplant  
Praise, answer to prayer for Brook to find a job  
Praise, Dean is Cancer free!  
March of Prayer  
Healing for Jim Porter  
Healing & strength for Leo  
Healing for Linnell  
Healing for Kathy  
Great Aunt Rita, in mourning  
Healing & strength for Conner