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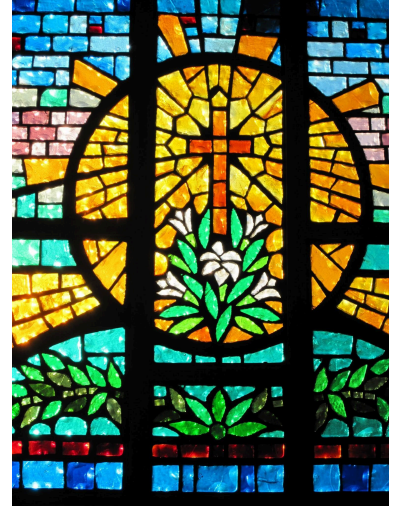
Holy Week Worship

This is Holy Week when we follow Jesus from the last supper to the cross to the resurrection of Easter morning.

- **TOMORROW: Maundy Thursday on April 2 with a 5:30pm potluck dinner** in the sanctuary followed by foot washing (optional) and then worship with Holden Evening Prayer. This is a meaningful community gathering that brings us to the foot of the cross with reverence and mystery and hope. Please join us whether or not you can bring food to share.

WEATHER NOTE: *It looks like we will get some snow/sleet/rain from Wed evening into Thursday. This is not a service we can move to Zoom, so we plan to hold this service in person—please make your own choice around safety and travel that evening.*

- **Easter Sunday - April 5.** Because Christ has died, we all have died. Because Christ has been raised, we all have been raised from death to life abundant. Alleluia! Let us celebrate new life together on this most blessed of days.



I Want to See. I Want the Peace of God.

One invitation of Holy Week is to see the world differently. On Palm Sunday, we don't see Jerusalem lying in ruins; we see Jesus fulfilling a prophecy to bring healing to the nations.

At the Last Supper, we don't see a man preparing for betrayal and death; we see Jesus sharing love and connection and himself with his community.

On Good Friday, we don't see torture and death on a cross; we see trust so profound that even complete surrender can happen without fear.

On Easter morning, we don't see a dead body or even an empty tomb: we see the Christ-presence in every single person. We see the shining aliveness that is the birthright of everybody everywhere.

So now the question for each of us is this: Do I want to see differently? Here is a simple prayer you can say whenever life seems hard or painful or dark or hopeless—

Above all else, I want to see.

Above all else, I want the peace of God.

If you can say those words and mean them, if you can say that prayer with willingness in your heart, then the same power that raised Jesus from the dead will fill your mind and soul with all of

God's light and wisdom and purpose and vision, and the healing of the world will begin.

April Mission: Pastors' Sabbatical Fund

A three-month sabbatical is scheduled for Pastors Luna and Phil, from July 14-October 14 of this year. They will take those months completely off from all church responsibilities and connections to rest and rejuvenate in body and soul. Phil and Luna are still finalizing their plans but hope to travel both in the U.S. and abroad besides having some down time at home.

While our congregation did not receive the large Lilly grant that would have helped to fund activities for both our pastors and the congregation, we still hope to support our pastors as we are able. We have some money in our budget for activities for both the pastors and the congregation. This month, we are asking for donations to the Pastors' Sabbatical Fund to help them dream a little bigger as they imagine possibilities for their time away. Donations can be designated for the Sabbatical Fund or as April Mission. Thank you!

SERVING MEALS AT UNION GOSPEL

If you'd like to join us for any of these shifts, please e-mail Lisa Holden at lholden58@gmail.com. There may still be availability to join in the fun!

- April 11, Saturday, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- April 17th, Friday, 11:30 to 1:30
- April 21st, Tuesday, 6:00 am to 8 am

